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'Akshi' is best Kannada film; rich pickings for South cinema at National Film Awards

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IN a year heavily dominated by Hindi movies, it was a huge haul for South Indian cinema in all the major categories, with more than 15 films from the region being recognised at the 67th National Film Awards that were announced in New Delhi on Monday. While Malayalam cinema led the pack with seven wins, Tamil cinema followed closely with six, Telugu with three, and Kannada with one.

The awards ceremony was scheduled to be held in May 2020, but had to be postponed owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Kannada stunt choreographer Vikram Mor won the National award for Best Action Direction for the fantasy-adventure *Avane Srimannarayana*. The Best Kannada Film award went to *Akshi*, while in the non-feature film category, the Best Exploration Film award went to *Wild Karnataka*.

The Malayalam epic, *Marakkar: Arabikadalinte Simham* (Malayalam), which is awaiting release, and the Telugu action drama *Maharshi* won the big two awards: Best Film and Best Popular Film, with the latter also winning for Raju Sundaram his second National Award for Best Choreography. *Jersey*, which was awarded the Best Telugu Film, also bagged the Best Editor award for *Naveen Nooli*. The film is a heart-rending take on the life of a failed cricketer who yearns to retain the respect of his son.

In the acting categories, Dhanush's turn in Vetrimaaran's *Asuran*, as an oppressed elderly man, fighting for his family in a caste-afflicted society, won him his second National Award for Best Actor (following his first for *Aadukalam* by the same director). This is an award he will share with Manoj Bajpayee (*Bhonsle*), who has won a National Award for the third time in his career, with both of his previous wins coming for a supporting act. Bajpayee's masterful performance in Devashish Makhija's bitingly political film, stands testament to the adage that less is more.

Vijay Sethupathi won his first National Award for *Super Deluxe* for his supporting act as a helpless transgender woman called Shilpa, who grapples with humiliation and guilt. It was a first for Tamil composer Imman, too, as he won the Best Music Director award for his work in Ajith-starrer *Viswasam*.

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Karnataka has vaccine doses enough for only 4 more days

Health Minister assures more stocks arriving soon, to help those in line for 2nd shot

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

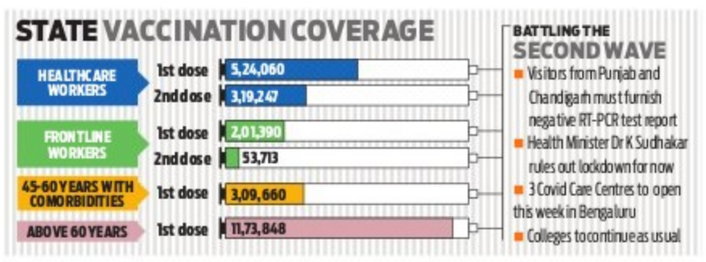
KARNATAKA has vaccine stocks that will suffice only for the next four days, according to highly placed sources in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. While on the one hand, experts are suggesting speeding up the vaccination rollout to ensure that the impact of the second wave is minimised in the state, on the other, the Central Government has reportedly asked the state to wait for another two weeks for the vaccines to reach.

"In our stockpile, we have vaccines (mainly Covishield) which can suffice only for the next four days. But this won't affect any vaccine rollout programmes. We have asked for fresh stock and it will arrive soon," said an official from the Health Ministry on condition of anonymity.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar told TNIE, "We are in talks with the Central Government for more vaccines. We are expecting the vaccines to arrive soon. There is no reason to be worried."

Karnataka has so far vaccinated 11,73,848 beneficiaries aged above 60 and 3,09,660 beneficiaries aged above 45 with certain comorbidities with the first dose. Many are now awaiting their second dose, which will be administered from April 1. Fortunately for those awaiting the second dose, the shortage in vaccine stocks comes at a time when the Union Health Ministry, based on scientific evidence, declared that the efficacy of Covishield is higher if the second dose is taken after six to eight weeks. With this, doctors now feel that the vaccines may reach the state in time for people to take their second dose.

"However, if there is any kind of shortage, it needs to be rectified as it will slow down the vaccination process, which is not a good thing to happen at a time when the second wave is in on and cases are increasing in the state," said a senior doctor from a government hospital. P5

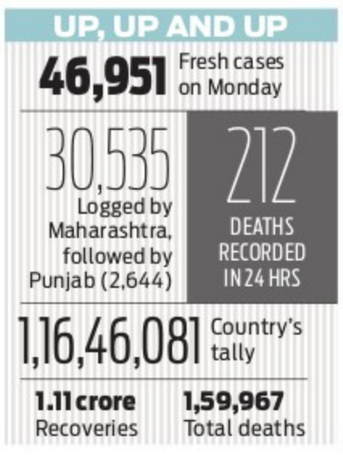

STATE VACCINATION COVERAGE
HEALTHCARE WORKERS
1st dose 5,24,060
2nd dose 3,19,247
FRONTLINE WORKERS
1st dose 2,01,390
2nd dose 53,713
45-60 YEARS WITH COMORBIDITIES
1st dose 3,09,660
ABOVE 60 YEARS
1st dose 11,73,848
BATTLING THE SECOND WAVE
Visitors from Punjab and Chandigarh must furnish negative RT-PCR test report
Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar rules out lockdown for now
3 Covid Care Centres to open this week in Bengaluru
Colleges to continue as usual

Second Covishield shot in 6-8 weeks better, says Centre

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

IF you are waiting for your second jab of the Covid-19 vaccine Covishield, you'll be better protected if you take it between the sixth and eighth weeks of the first shot, and not after four-six weeks as is the practice now. That has been the international consensus, and expert panels back home have now aligned themselves with that view.

Based on the recommendations of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization and subsequently by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 vaccine, the Centre on Monday directed all states to increase the interval between two doses of Covishield. In fact, scientific evidence from some countries shows that while the vaccine is about 60-65% effective at a gap of four weeks, it can be up to 90% effective against infection when administered at an interval of 12 weeks. But India's expert panels chose a more conservative gap of eight weeks. P9


UP, UP AND UP
46,951 Fresh cases on Monday
30,535 Logged by Maharashtra, followed by Punjab (2,644)
212 DEATHS RECORDED IN 24 HRS
1,16,46,081 Country's tally
1.11 crore Recoveries
1,59,967 Total deaths

ADDING STRENGTH

TWO MORE JUDGES APPOINTED TO K'TAKA HIGH COURT

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

FOR a long time, the Karnataka High Court had only one woman judge and their number saw a gradual rise only in recent years. With the appointment of Sushree Khazi Jayabunnisa Mohiuddin, the Karnataka High Court now has six women judges.

On Monday, the President appointed Rajendra Badamikar and Sushree Khazi Jayabunnisa Mohiuddin, as Additional Judges of the Karnataka High Court. A notification to this effect was issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, elevating the two judicial officers as judges.

Rajendra Badamikar is presently working as Registrar General whereas Jayabunnisa Mohiuddin is working as Registrar (Vigilance) at the Principal Bench of the High Court at Bengaluru.

The Supreme Court Collegium, on February 4, approved the elevation of the two judicial officers as judges of the Karnataka High Court, along with a senior advocate.

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Pawar poses timeline query to back minister

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@ Mumbai

Sharad Pawar

Anil Deshmukh

A day after NCP chief Sharad Pawar said former Mumbai Police commissioner Parambir Singh's allegations of extortion against state Home Minister Anil Deshmukh were serious, he sought to question the timeline mentioned in Singh's recent 'letter bomb' while stoutly defending his minister.

While Singh's letter says the now arrested assistant inspector Sachin Waze was called by Deshmukh to his official residence "in and around mid-February and thereafter" to instruct him on extorting ₹100 crore per month, Pawar argued it was incorrect as the minister was hospitalised from February 5 to 15 after testing positive for Covid-19. "After discharge, Deshmukh was in home quarantine for the next 10 days in Nagpur. There is no way Waze could have met him in Mumbai then," Pawar said. Though the Opposition sought to puncture the argument, claiming Deshmukh had addressed the press on February 15, the latter quickly clarified that he had just returned home from hospital and taken a few quick questions that day.

Pawar said the focus should be actually be on the bomb scare at Antilia. The ATS on Sunday had claimed to have made a breakthrough in businessman Mansukh Hiren's murder with the arrest of two persons, including a former policeman. The ATS on Monday arrested a Gujarat man for providing 14 SIM cards to the two accused. Parambir Singh moved the Supreme Court on Monday, seeking a CBI probe into "malpractices" of Deshmukh. P10

Mop-up of fuel tax 45% more in 10 months than full FY20

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

IF there were any doubts left over whether fuel taxes have become the government's prized cash cow, the Finance Ministry's reply to the Lok Sabha on Monday serves to quash most of them.

Not only have excise duty collections on petrol, diesel, and natural gas surged, the share of such taxes in India's gross tax revenue has spiked sharply over the years too, indicating a steadily increasing dependence on fuel tax revenues.

According to figures submitted to the Lok Sabha by the Finance Ministry, excise duty collections from fuel and natural gas in the first 10 months of this financial year (FY21) are already 45% higher than collections recorded during the whole of FY20. Between April 2020 and January 2021, this figure stood at ₹2.94 lakh crore against just ₹2,03,010 lakh crore in FY20. Collections made in the first 10 months of this fiscal year are also over five times (456%) larger than the ₹53,090 crore recorded in FY14. P13

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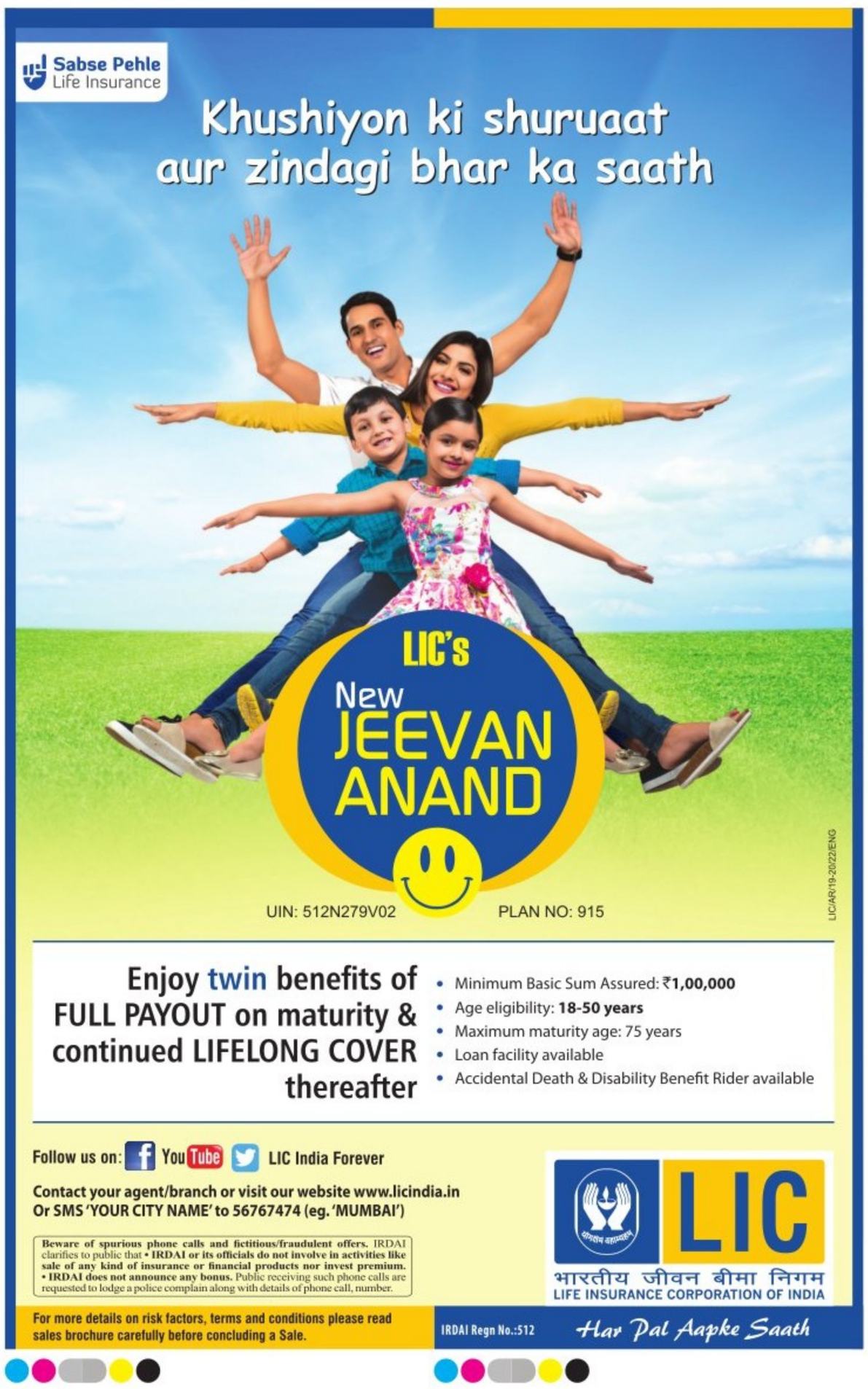
Parl passes Bill to up private spend in mining

NEW DELHI: Parliament on Monday passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2021, which seeks to bring more reforms in the mining sector for boosting private investment and creating more jobs.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• **Nakshatra:** Punarvasu 6.27 pm • Moon in Kataka Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER — MIN 19°C | MAX 34°C — **FORECAST** Sunny

Sunrise 6.22 am | Sunset 6.30 pm | Moonrise 1.31 am | Moonset 1.54 pm

Colleges won't stop running for any reason: DyCM

Students can attend online classes but attendance mandatory, says Ashwath Narayan

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CLASSES for college students will not be stopped for any reason, said Minister for Higher Education **Dr C N Ashwath Narayan** on Monday.

Talking to reporters at the inaugural of the 'GetCETgo', Dr Narayan said that already, a year has been wasted. "A few colleges, including BMS in the city, have witnessed positive cases among students. However, students have the option to attend online classes. Offline classes were never mandatory. However, attendance is necessary," he added.

He put the onus on educational institutes to handle the Covid situation, conduct tests and ensure norms for hygiene, such as social distancing, wearing masks, and sanitising, are followed. "All educational institutions should make preparations to deal with the situation. The vaccine is out already. Just because of the announcement of the second wave, it is not right to suspend offline classes," said the minister.

The academic year should not be revised again at any cost, he added.

GetCETgo adds JEE coaching this year

BENGALURU: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Monday launched the second version of 'GetCETgo', a platform to coach students in the state for Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to IITs, in addition to KCET and NEET. The online platform was started during the pandemic when students were unable to access their coaching classes due to restrictions on movement. The course includes material for learning, revision and a facility to take up tests. Videos, synopses and interactive tests are part of the platform. A department official said the portal will also have a provision for students to get their doubts cleared. Deputy Chief Minister and minister for Higher Education Dr C N Ashwath Narayan reiterated that the platform will be beneficial to socially and economically backward students. "Its objective is to increase the number of students from Karnataka in IITs. This would help students to get better ranks in JEE and NEET exams," said Dr Narayan. Dr Narayan said the GetCETgo app will be made available for the entire year from 2021-22. The app will be managed by the KEA that holds K-CET. This year, the facility will be available on eDUCATOR, an assisted Learning Management System (LMS) platform available on Android. **ENS**

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CSR initiative brings drinking water to students

BENGALURU: Global Technology Group Freudenberg donated an 'aqua tower' to school students and people living in the surrounding areas of Parikrama Humanity Foundation located at Sahakarnagar.

This was part of the group's Corporate Social Responsibility initiative called e², which stands for Education and Environment. The aqua tower purifies contaminated water from various sources such as rivers, wells etc and turns it into potable water, said an official note by the group. "The system installed at the school produces up to 1,000 litres of drinking water per hour and helps providing the daily drinking water needs of 500 students and families in the surrounding areas," the note added. **ENS**

CHANTS FOR PEACE

Tibetan monks chant prayers during the Bharat-Tibet Sahayog Manch at Ravindra Kalakshetra on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

EYE-RELATED ISSUES ON THE RISE, COURTESY ONLINE CLASSES

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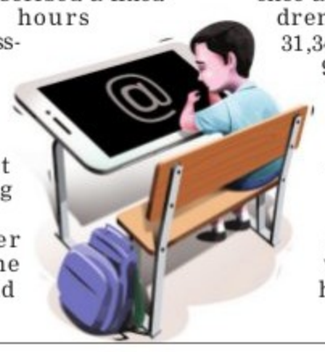
PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar expressed helplessness over private schools obtaining stay orders on government rules restricting the number of hours of online classes.

During the question hour in the Legislative Council on Monday, Congress MLC U B Venkatesh raised concern over increasing eye-related issues among children attending online classes.

In reply, Suresh Kumar said that though the government had prescribed a fixed number of hours for online classes, private institutions were approaching the court and obtaining stay orders.



To another question, the minister said that the government is taking several measures to improve knowledge of basic science among schoolchildren. "As many as 31,344 students from 954 schools were evaluated in 2019-20. As per the baseline data, the understanding of science concepts and application was 37 percent," he added.

SPEAKING UP

Kannada school staff to protest in front of minister's house

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TEACHERS and other staff of schools which are affiliated to different private school associations in the state, will sit in protest in front of the Primary and Secondary Education Minister's residence on March 23 demanding that private Kannada medium schools be turned into aided institutes.

The protesters will wear black cloth on their faces during the silent protest to champion the cause of all Kannada medium schools that came into being after 1995. As many as 10,000 participants are expected from different parts of the state, said Lokesh Talikatte, state president of the Registered Unaided Private School Managment Association (RUPSA).

"The demand to turn private Kannada medium schools into aided schools has been pending for a few years. With the support of (JDS) MLC Basavaraj Horatti, a 13-day hunger strike was held in December 2020, in front of the Dharwad DC's office. At that time, (BJP) minister C C Patil had given a written assurance that grant-in aid will be given to schools that came up till the year 2000," said Talikatte. In consequent debates and discussions till the pre-bedget meetings, it was assured that schools from 1995 to 2005 will be given grant-in aid, but no announcement was made in the budget, he said.

The demand to turn private Kannada medium schools into aided schools has been pending for a few years

There are more than 6,000 private Kannada medium schools and 600 private Kannada medium Pre-University colleges that are demanding grant-in aid status. For the last 25 years, teachers and lecturers are receiving an honorarium of just ₹2,000 or lesser, as parents of the students enrolled in these schools are from financially backward backgrounds, he said.

Among their other demands is the provision of infrastructural funds to private unaided schools in Kalyana Karnataka region, and the reconsideration of shutting 124 private schools in Bidar which lack infrastructure facilities.

Second serosurvey will help guide vax drive, say experts

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

DATA collection for the second serosurvey, which began on January 25 and covers the whole state, is almost complete. The survey is crucial as it could help policymakers gauge the extent of exposure of the population to SARS-CoV-2 and guide vaccine coverage.

A serological prevalence survey involves testing blood samples to determine whether someone has been exposed to an infection and whether she/he has developed Immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies to combat the infection.

A senior doctor said that the survey should have been completed by now but a decision has not been taken on whether the analysis should begin as the health department and research institutes who are part of the survey were busy. "It is important to now speed up the process. The sero survey team will meet in a couple of days to make a decision," the doctor said.

Technical Advisory Committee member and Director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases Dr C N Manjunath said the survey results would help policymakers strategize vaccination coverage and use resources more effectively. "The report will also help advise on vaccine allocations: Wherever prevalence is low, the vaccination process will need to be ramped up," said Dr Manjunath.

Dr Giridhara R Babu, senior epidemiologist and a public health expert at the Indian Institute of Public Health, said that the exercise was not just about gathering data, but using that data to guide policy. "It is important to finish the analysis of population-level survey as it will not just look at confirmed cases that the government needs to target, but also identify areas where cases are popping up and where they should direct suppression efforts," he said. IIPH is also part of the serosurvey in the state.

Seroprevalence analysis data will function the way measuring temperature gives a sense of what might be wrong in the body. Interpretation of the data will take more time, experts said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23rd March: Does anyone know the origin of the superstition that 13 is unlucky? Well, there are 13 lunar months in a year but only 12 solar ones. When the supporters of the 12-month calendar (the one we use today) won the argument with the lunar-calendar supporters, they demonised the lunar system calling it unlucky. I think they were wrong!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
While you may keep your feelings to yourself, consult others over your personal plans, even those which have apparently already been settled. Plus, a cash crisis should soon blow over - much to your relief. And if good fortune should arrive, make the most of it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
If you are faced with a break or separation, it is for the best. Any change will affect your work and daily routine first, and your romantic life second. And then there's the little matter of a promise you made to someone else. Can you actually fulfil it? If not, you'd better say so now!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
This is time for inspiration - but also confusion. In all close, emotional relationships you must decide whether it is your pride that comes first, or your selfless desire to help a loved one achieve a cherished ambition. But can you do both? Well, perhaps!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may wish to abandon unwanted commitments, but you are beginning to wonder whether freedom is really what you want! Give yourself as much time as you need to ponder those all-important questions. Don't let someone else put unfair pressure on you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Questions of survival are high on the agenda, which in simple terms means shopping trips and foraging for life's little essentials. The most extravagant amongst you are about to take on a rash financial commitment. You'd better make sure that you can handle it!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Venus is challenging your chart, indicating a powerful swing between emotional highs and lows. Bearing in mind that freedom of choice is vital, emphasise the happy periods, and steer yourself away from self-doubt. And if you need reassurance, find it where you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
For the time being at least, partners or close companions should be less inclined to criticise, although it doesn't mean you won't worry about what they think. Please try not to be hypersensitive! The problem is, you see, that you might pick up the wrong end of the stick.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are certainly in a position to get your own way, but you'll need a strong team to back you up. You may gather around you supporters who think as you do. An imminent family party could be especially memorable, as long as you've made the appropriate plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Loved ones, close friends, offspring and intimate companions all appear to be carrying on in very odd ways. There is even a chance that after another few days, life could begin to resemble nothing so much as a theatrical farce; so keep up your sense of humour.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
This could be the best day of the week for handling complicated questions, especially if there's a legal or ethical dimension. Try to maintain standards of behaviour without being pompous or dogmatic, for other people need to see that you have their interests at heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Life hasn't always been easy. It's certainly been a long grind. Personal or professional recognition should boost your confidence. You will even come to feel that all upsets of the past were not in vain. Perhaps they have encouraged you to strive for higher standards.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You hardly dare hope that your dreams will come true, and you know that if you allow your imagination free rein, you might make any disappointment that much worse. Play it cool - as cool, that is, as you ever can. But don't let someone think you don't care.

THE PHANTOM

GRAVELINES PRISON
IT WAS MY GOOD FORTUNE TO MEET YOU, MISTER TOWNS!
CHIEF SALINAS AND I OWE YOU EVERYTHING!
SNIP
DE PAUL + WOOLEY
FORGET IT....
GET IN, GET YOUR MAN, GET YOURSELVES BACK ACROSS THE BORDER....
SNIP SNIP SNIP
I'D SAY SEND ME A POSTCARD FROM MEXICO BUT.... YOU KNOW HOW IT IS....

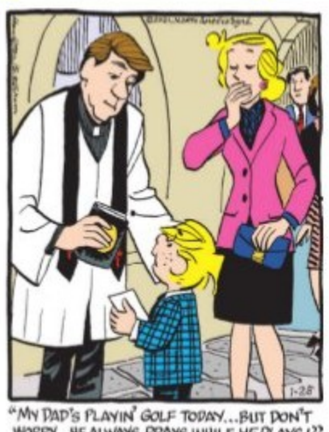
HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE



SUDOKU

HARD: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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		6		5	9	4		1
	2	7	3	8	4			
	3		4				5	
8								4
	9				1		2	
			8	9	7	1	6	
9		8	6	2		7		
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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

3	7	9	4	8	6	1	5	2
8	6	5	1	2	7	3	4	9
1	4	2	3	5	9	7	8	6
9	8	6	7	3	5	2	1	4
4	3	1	9	6	2	8	7	5
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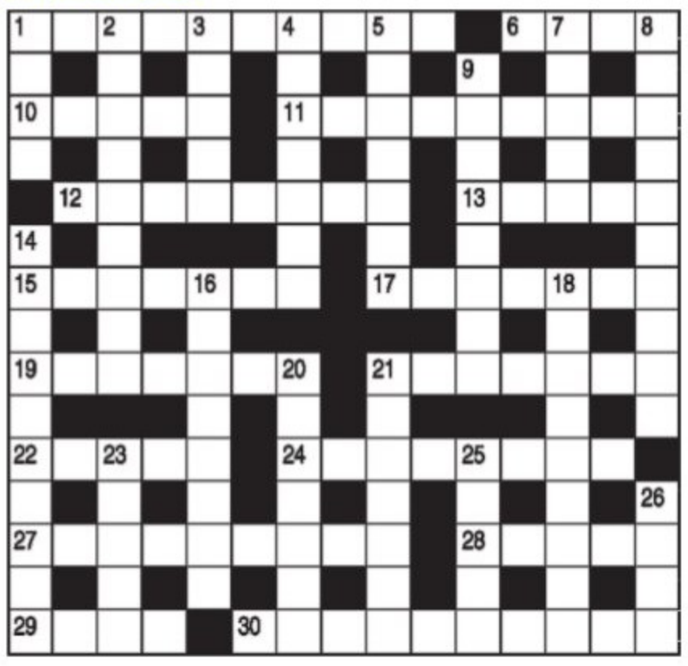
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Secret belief (10)
6 Unusually cold part of the earth (4)
10 Recorded Edward as missing? (5)
11 Crank socially and mechanically (9)
12 Antigone's form of denial (8)
13 Short form of summary (5)
15 Exacts payment for those in one's care (7)
17 Date and remove (4,3)
19 One pair moved out of doors (4-3)
21 An idea of self-importance (7)
22 Bound to have spirit (5)
24 He's not on speaking terms with his brothers (8)
27 On paper it makes things look very black (6,3)
28 Did some pressing (5)
29 They may be pierced or just pricked (4)
30 They're shameless, producing beer as port (10)

DOWN
1 Is unable to lean over (4)
2 Remote and out-of-the-way Parisian building (5,4)
3 Country needs aid in getting into shape (5)
4 The converse of friends (7)
5 Growing source of food and drink (7)
7 The words of a song upset Cyril (5)
8 Cause a capital loss (10)
9 Complete description of a mustang? (8)
14 There are terms for this (10)
16 He has minor responsibilities (8)
18 Give short change - it's a mistake of sorts (9)
20 Sailor comes up a rope - this one? (7)
21 A biscuit for the break? (7)
23 Cried out for a drink (5)
25 Sound fruit (5)
26 The odd dose of poetry? (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Envious, 5 In bed, 8 Abandoned, 9 Tap, 10 Tiff, 12 Proceeds, 14 String, 15 Ate out, 17 Observer, 18 Afar, 21 Cog, 22 Namesakes, 24 Lathe, 25 Tirades.

Down: 1 Exact, 2 Via, 3 Odds, 4 Senora, 5 Indicate, 6 Better off, 7 Deposit, 11 Foresight, 13 Entrance, 14 Stoical, 16 Hermit, 19 Roses, 20 User, 23 Kid.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TEYNR
NUHOD
NRIHED
CGENAH

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print Your answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** CABLE GAUGE SLEEPY MAINLY
ANSWER: When asked if his new dictionary could be purchased, Noah Webster said – "BUY ALL MEANS"

The Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the state government to file an FIR in connection with Covid norms violations during the Panchamasali rally held recently in Bengaluru

Curbs on people from Punjab, Chandigarh

Incoming travellers need to carry RT-PCR -ve report; exemption applies to emergencies

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IN addition to people from Kerala and Maharashtra, travellers from Punjab and Chandigarh too will now have to produce a test report stating they do not have Covid before they enter Karnataka. The rule will be applicable from March 25.

The state government issued a circular mandating people from Punjab and Chandigarh to produce RT-PCR test report not more than 72 hours old, stating they are Covid-negative while entering Karnataka, regardless of their travel by flight, bus, train or personal transport.

A health worker collects a swab in Chamarajpet in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

The circular comes after the Union Health Ministry noted on Monday that eight states and Union Territories – Maharashtra, Chandigarh, Punjab, Puducherry, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana -- have a weekly positivity rate more than the national average of 3.7 per cent. In the light of this and a surge in number of cases in Punjab and Chandigarh, the Karnataka government issued the circular.

"Airlines shall issue boarding passes only to passengers carrying RT-PCR negative certificates not older than 72 hours. Railway authorities and bus conductors shall be responsible for ensuring that all passengers travelling by trains and buses, respectively, carry negative RT-PCR certificates," the circular said.

Deputy commissioners of districts bordering Maharashtra and Kerala will make arrangements to ensure that vehicles entering Karnataka comply with the rules.

Exemptions

Those exempted from this rule include constitutional functionaries, healthcare professionals and children below two years old. It will also apply to people in emergency situations such as death in family or medical treatment. But such passengers' swabs will be collected on arrival. Necessary details such as phone numbers and addresses will be taken and verified with ID cards. Further action will be taken on the receipt of the test report.

No lockdown, but people must cooperate: Sudhakar

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EVEN as strict restrictions are being imposed to contain the second wave of Covid-19, the situation does not warrant any form of semi-lockdown or a full-fledged lockdown yet, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said on Monday.

He said that the government is strictly screening incoming travellers from high-caseload states such as Maharashtra and Kerala. If travellers are found without a negative RT-PCR test report, they will be subjected to tests at the border. Increasing penalty for not wearing a mask is also being looked at. More people should come forward to get vaccinated, the minister said.

"The Home Ministry's support is required for strict screening at borders. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has already conducted a meeting in this regard. Semi-lockdown or lockdown is not being considered for now. We need to learn from our past mistakes," Dr Sudhakar said.

At weddings and other events, people should wear masks, follow social distancing norms and ensure that the restriction on the number of people is not violated. If cases rise, a decision will be taken on educational institutions after discussing it with the CM, he said, adding, "We can contain a second wave if people cooperate."

Semi-lockdown or lockdown is not being considered for now. We need to learn from our mistakes

Dr K Sudhakar, Health and Medical Education Minister

SECOND WAVE

Three Covid Care Centres to open this week, three more on standby

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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike will open three Covid Care Centres this week to accommodate the increasing number of patients requiring institutional quarantine.

They will be opened at HAL, Koramangala Indoor Stadium and Haj Bhavan. "The CCCs at Haj Bhavan and in HAL are ready with beds and doctors. They will open on Wednesday. The Koramangala CCC is being readied and will be opened on Thursday or Friday. All CCCs will house asymptomatic patients," said Rajendra Cholan, BBMP Special Commissioner for Health.

While the Haj Bhavan and Koramanagala indoor stadium have 250 beds each, HAL has 180. The policy is to have two doctors per 100 beds. As many as 130 staffers, who served in CCCs last year, have agreed to come back on the request of the civic body.

A meeting was held on March 14 to discuss the reopening of CCCs, during which, Rajendra Kataria, IAS officer previously in-charge of CCCs, proposed keeping three more on standby. Currently, they are not required as a lot of Covid beds are available in hospitals, including general beds and those with oxygen and ventilators, Kataria said.

"If the demand for CCCs arise, the Ayurvedic Hospital in Majestic, and the Unani and Homeopathy Colleges on Magadi Road will be converted into CCCs. They were used earlier too. Beds and staff are available and they come under the Health Department. These three centres have been told to be ready if there is a need in the future," Kataria added.

Last week, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that a 1,000-bed CCC is being readied in Bengaluru, but did not give details.

Covid tally on Monday

New cases in K'taka	New cases in B'luru	The tally in state so far	Active cases in state	Deaths in state
1,445	886	9,71,647	14,167	10

Patient status: 136 in ICU | 45 critically ill patients in Bengaluru; 17 in Kalaburagi, 10 in Mandya | 0 or <10 ICU patients in other districts

VACCINE SAFE, TAKE IT WITHOUT FEAR

There seems to be no end in sight to the Covid pandemic. The world came to a standstill, people were tired of working from home and we did not know how much longer we could hold on. Then there was light at the end of the tunnel with pharmaceutical companies across the world reporting that trials of Covid vaccines were underway and they looked promising. Fast forward to 2021... The vaccine has been rolled out on a massive scale, with frontline workers and vulnerable populations receiving the first dose. But it has not been smooth sailing by any stretch. Overcoming the resistance by the anti-vaccine lobby has not been easy with health experts patiently assuaging public fears.

Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, Senior Pulmonologist, Head of the Department, Sleep Medicine, Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru

A recent stumbling block are reports coming out of many European countries of thromboembolic episodes occurring post Covid vaccination. As of March 10, 30 out of 5 million people who had received a dose of the AstraZeneca Oxford Covid vaccine have reportedly suffered from thromboembolic episodes. Among the Caucasian population, one in a thousand people suffers from unprovoked thromboembolic episodes due to genetic and other physiological reasons. These episodes can be attributed to natural prevalence and is unlikely to be vaccine related. While a close eye must be kept on the situation, the vaccine can be administered safely and I encourage the public to avail of it when the opportunity arises. It would be an opportune moment to make use of the CoWin platform to keep track of adverse events among the vaccinated by enabling them to enter their health status on the platform.

Currently two vaccines are available in India – Covaxin by Bharat Biotech and Covishield by Serum Institute, Pune and AstraZeneca Oxford. Covaxin consists of the inactivated virus, priming the body's immune system to recognise and produce antibodies in case of an infection. Covishield uses a novel mRNA technology and contains the coronavirus spike protein helping the immune system produce antibodies, preventing the virus from attaching to our cells and causing infection.

A common misconception among is that masks and social distancing can be dispensed with once a person is vaccinated. This is patently false. Vaccine efficacy has been estimated to be around 65% for the AstraZeneca Oxford vaccine. There is a six out of 10 chance that a person will not contract Covid after around 6-8 weeks of vaccination. While the risk significantly reduces, it remains if precautions are not taken. Another advantage of getting vaccinated is in the unfortunate event of someone testing positive. They are more likely to have a mild illness. My advice would be, get vaccinated when it becomes available and continue to wear masks and maintain distance.

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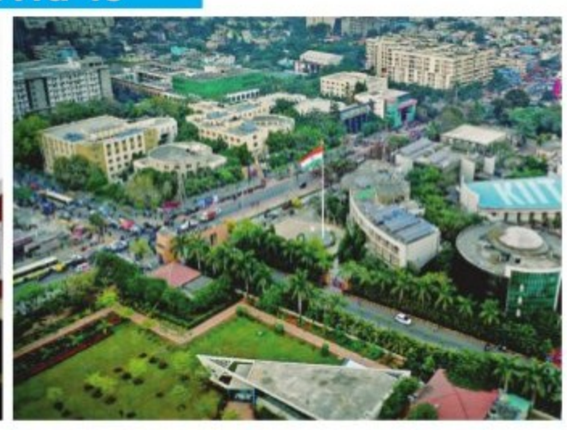

KIIT on Track to Achieve Record Placement for 2020-21 Graduating Batch

The student community is among the worst-hit in the Covid-19 pandemic. Responding swiftly to the challenge, KIIT Deemed to be University is the first university in the country to start online classes for its 30,000 students in 50 countries right from the beginning of the lockdown.

KIIT has smoothly conducted all academic processes like examinations, convocation, seminars, workshops, etc. on virtual mode due to its good technology and high internet bandwidth. KIIT was founded in 1992 as a modest vocational training centre by eminent educationist and social activist Prof. Achyuta Samanta. However, it was opened as a centre of higher learning in 1997, which is considered as the base year. The first batch of degree engineering students passed out in 2001. KIIT is known for its very successful track record in campus placement since its inception. Maintaining the trend, it achieved excellent campus placement for the 2019-20 graduating batch.

Despite the prevailing pandemic situation, the university is on track to achieve record campus placement for its 2020 – 21 passing out batch also. The process, which commenced online from May, has already resulted in the placement of about 80% eligible students of the Schools of Technology (SOT) of KIIT Deemed to be University. Shaking off Covid-19 gloom, as many as 140 companies have visited online for campus placement for the 2021 passing out batch generating 4000 plus job offers.

Over 2500 Schools of Technology (SOT) students have already been placed in different national and multinational companies with 1600 students getting multiple job offers. They have bagged job offers with high pay packages of Rs. 30 lakh, Rs. 24 lakh and Rs. 19 lakh, while the average salary is Rs. 6 lakh.

'Day Zero' dream campus drive alone resulted in the placement of top 35% students by MNCs. As many as 16 companies offered CTC of Rs. 10 lakh or more. 'Day-One' campus recruitment drive generated 1800 plus job offers from four companies: Accenture, Cognizant, Capgemini & Wipro. With visits by many more companies in the pipeline, KIIT is set to achieve placement of all remaining students by April 2021.

"Even during the lockdown due to global pandemic, KIIT authorities have worked hard to bring companies on virtual mode and place the students", said Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS.

Even though the campus placements are being conducted online, KIIT has bettered its record compared to the last academic session. Campus placement in KIT School of Management and KIIT School of Law has recently started and it is hoped that these two Schools will also achieve cent percent success like every year. Parents and students are very happy over the placement achievement in KIIT. After the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, parents and guardians of students had become disheartened about the future of their children, particularly in terms of campus placement.

However, against all odds, KIIT has been ensuring very good campus placement for its 2020-21 graduating batch. It has been possible due to the leadership of its founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta, who has ensured a strong branding of KIIT in the corporate world and an exceptionally proactive Training & Placement Cell.

Besides a truly world-class infrastructure, KIIT's focus on quality academics and research are reflected in its accreditation in high grades by various national and international accreditation bodies. It has been recognized as an 'Institution of Eminence' by the Govt. of India. It is accredited by NAAC in 'A' Grade and by NBA in Tier 1 (Washington Accord) for engineering streams. Its B.Tech programmes have also got the coveted Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), UK accreditation.

KIIT has been ranked 1st among self-financing institutions of India in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2020, an annual ranking by the Govt. of India. It is the winner of 'Awards Asia 2020' in the category 'Workplace of the Year' by the Times Higher Education (THE). KIIT also has impressive positions in national and global rankings like NIRF, Times Higher Education (THE), QS and many others.

Leader of the Opposition in the Council S R Patil slammed the Centre on Monday over fuel prices. "Shouldn't we call this dacoity in broad daylight? Economists have said that bringing down taxes and duties on fuel will not harm the economy. The government must see the hardship people face and cut taxes," he said

State to seek increase in 50% reservation cap

Cabinet gives approval to appeal before the Supreme Court

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AS the state has been on the boil over the reservation issue, the Cabinet on Monday decided to inform the Supreme Court that Karnataka will need more than 50 per cent reservation, which is the cap set by the apex court.

Referring to the Indira Sahani case, the Cabinet members discussed that with the aspirations of backward classes going up and also the number of SC/STs increasing, the reservation too needs to go beyond 50 per cent. Other states too have sought an increase in the quota cap. As there is a model code of conduct because of the bypolls in the state, there was no official cabinet briefing on Monday.

In other decisions, the Cabinet sanctioned ₹400 crore to set up the underground drainage system in 17 urban centres on the banks of rivers as recommended by the National Green

Tribunal. This had been a long-standing demand of environmentalists and the city managers.

It gave permission to seek administrative approvals for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for the Narayanpur Right Bank canal work extending its length to 95 km, for which ₹2,800 crore will be sought. The cabinet members gave permission to fill up 18 tanks using waters from the Krishna river using lift irrigation at a cost of ₹192 crore. Administrative approvals to irrigate Bagalkot's areas of Badami and Beelagi at ₹525 crore to were given.

They gave nod to obtain ₹250 crore loan from banks for fertilisers and ₹150 crore for seeds. ₹24.83 crore was sanctioned to the Atal Behari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Centre for essential equipment. Permission was given to set up a new Operation Theatre Complex at a cost ₹40 crore at Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Ballari.

It sanctioned ₹22.81 crore to build grade separators between Mysore and Hunasur.

The cabinet decided to accord permission to issue 'Hakku patras' (legal documents) to slum-dwellers at urban centres at rates fixed by the government.

MLA Renukacharya with CM BS Yediyurappa in Bengaluru on Monday

40 BJP MLAs meet CM, seek funds

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A group of around 40 BJP MLAs, including chief minister's political secretary M P Renukacharya, met B S Yediyurappa late on Monday evening.

They complained to the chief minister about MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and also expressed concern that the BJP would fair badly in zilla and taluk panchayat elections if Yatnal continues his tirade against the chief minister. The MLAs said they would petition state party president Nalin Kumar Kateel.

They sought funds for development works in their constituencies and complained of a severe paucity of funds. They complained that the ministers were not responding to their issues. The MLAs said they are cutting a sorry figure before their constituents.

Yediyurappa told them that he will organise a meeting of all MLAs and ministers on March 25, where issues would be sorted out.

They were told that post-Covid, the state is facing a financial crunch and there would be lesser allocation for development works.

JDS MLAs, led by H D Revanna, had threatened to hold an all-night dharna on the same issue inside the assembly and were dissuaded by the chief minister at the last minute a few days ago.

Bommai: No discussion on bringing fuel under GST

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A day after Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur reiterated that fuel would be brought under the GST regime, Karnataka Home and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said that no such discussions have been held so far. Bommai, also the state's representative in the GST Council, said the issue of including fuel or liquor under GST was not brought to the GST Council or proposed to the states so far. He said it is unlikely that the states would agree to such a proposal considering fuel cess is a huge source of revenue for states.

Thakur, despite telling Lok Sabha earlier there was no proposal to bring fuel under GST, has been repeatedly saying that the Centre is hopeful of bringing fuel prices down if states agree to include fuel under GST.

Karnataka has one of the highest sales tax (VAT) rates of 35% on petrol and 24% on diesel. In the budget 2020-21, tax on petrol was increased from 32% to 35% and on diesel from 21% to 24%. But in the budget 2021-22, they were left untouched. The VAT is over and above the cess levied by the Centre. Following the Union Budget 2021-22, the Centre's tax on fuel, including basic excise, surcharge, agri-infra cess and road/infra cess is currently ₹31.83 per litre for diesel and ₹32.98 for petrol. Karnataka had raised ₹10,473 crore in 2020-21 from sale tax/VAT on fuel and ₹164 crore in SGST.

"Excise and fuel are the last resort of any state when faced with a financial crunch. If that is also brought under the GST regime, the state's dependence on the Centre will increase," said a Finance Department official.

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Diesel subsidy to fishermen pending

The government told the Assembly that ₹47.03 crore in diesel subsidy is yet to be paid to fishermen. Ports and Inland Water Transport Minister S Angara, in reply to a question from Congress MLA UT Khader, said ₹30 crore of the ₹77.30 crore in diesel subsidy has been released to fishermen. MLA Priyank Kharge, who asked the question on behalf of Khader, said 70% of boats have been lying idle at ports and deep-sea fishing has stopped due to the pending dues.

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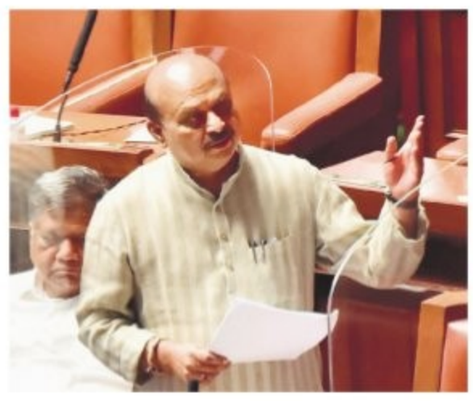

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah and Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai (right) speak at the Assembly on Monday

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>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Home Minister

CD-GATE: SLAP RAPE CASE AGAINST RAMESH, DEMANDS SIDDARAMAIAH

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LEADER of Opposition Siddaramaiah cornered the government in the Assembly on Monday, demanding that a rape case under Section 376 be registered against former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, who recently quit the ministry over the CD controversy.

Speaking during an adjournment motion, Siddaramaiah said that an independent agency monitored by the Karnataka High Court Chief Justice should investigate the case. He felt that the Special Investigation Team constituted by the State Government is focussing only on the alleged conspiracy against Ramesh.

The Congress Legislature Leader said that the police have committed serious lapses in tracing the woman seen in the video.

"She mentions in the video that Ramesh utilised her, promising her a government job. When she says she has been used, it means that it was not a consensual act. I demand that a rape case under Section 376 of the IPC be registered against Ramesh... Otherwise, we can't do justice to the woman. It is unfortunate that the government is distinguishing between the complaints of the woman and Ramesh Jarkiholi," he said, and added that the police officers who failed to register a case too should face action.

Replying to Siddaramaiah's charges, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the police are verifying the authenticity of the sleaze CD, and a case under Section 376 will be registered only if there is sufficient ground.

Bommai told the Assembly that as per the guidelines of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, if any information is forwarded on social media or messaging platforms, the sender has to be traced and the authenticity of the material has to be established.

"We are now verifying the video. Only if it is proved authentic can we register a case under Section 376. We have followed all procedures. The victim too has to cooperate," he said.

He said that five teams with 22 officers are working on the case and the statements of 11 people have been recorded. "The bank accounts of the suspects are being checked. The police team went to Belagavi, Goa, Delhi and even Bhopal in search of the woman seen in the CD. She is on the run. There is a contradiction between her video statement and her father's statement. The SIT is probing the case from all angles and have even questioned Ramesh Jarkiholi. Three cases were registered at various places and they have now been transferred to the Special Investigation Team. None of those involved will be spared," he said.

Unhappy with his reply, Congress members came to the Well of the House demanding that a case be registered under Section 376 of IPC. Questioning the constitution of Special Investigation Team, they said that the probe should be conducted by an independent agency.

They also demanded the resignation of six ministers, who got a court injunction against publishing any defamatory material against them in the media. Siddaramaiah had earlier said, "When they take oath as ministers, they vow to work without any fear. If they are not involved in any wrongdoing, why did they approach the court? They should resign immediately. Till they get a clean chit, they cannot sit in the Assembly."

Meanwhile, KPCC president DK Shivakumar said, "Ramesh Jarkiholi says Yogeshwar spent ₹9 crore to help BJP form the government in the state. Former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy says crores of money was spent on the CD. The Enforcement Directorate and the Income Tax departments should look at these issues also."

MORE ON P5

Opposition moves adjournment motion in Legislative Council

Bengaluru: Leader of the Opposition in the Council SR Patil on Monday moved an adjournment notice demanding a discussion on the CD-gate controversy and six ministers seeking an injunction from the court, on Monday. "The state's image has been dented. Every day, the media has been coming out with sensational news and it is affecting women, children and youth. An SIT was constituted even before the FIR was registered. Later, the FIR was registered based on a complaint sent through a person by the former minister. But no FIR was registered based on the complaint filed by a person claiming to be a social activist or based on the video released on social media by the woman survivor," he said. "The parents of the survivor too have filed a complaint at a police station in Belagavi. Though the women's commission has ordered the police to provide security to the survivor, she has not been traced and given protection. The SIT probe raises suspicion that it is trying to search those responsible for publicising the CD. There is no transparency in the way the government is handling the issue," he alleged. Council Chairman Horatti said he will allow a discussion after deciding the date.

Ex-MLA's son falls victim to extortion racket

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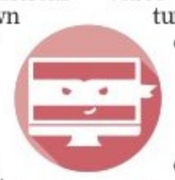
THE son of a former MLA has been allegedly trapped through social media and made to pay extortion money Naveen, son of former JD(S) MLA N H Konaraddi, has complained to the cyberpolice that the extortionists fabricated a video, shown him with a nude woman and are demanding money.



Naveen recently received a video call from an unknown number and it was disconnected within a few seconds. Later, he received a video clip of 13 seconds on his WhatsApp in which his image grabbed from the earlier video call was shown with a nude woman. The caller messaged Naveen to transfer money and threatened to make the clip public.

Konaraddi said, "I spoke to DCP and other police officers about the incident. First, we sent ₹5,000 and after the police insisted, we transferred another ₹5,000 and ₹3,200 as the extortionists were calling continuously and the police wanted to keep the conversation going to track the number."

Naveen said, "I received a video call and the screen turned black, but my part of the window was seen. After a few seconds, it was disconnected. Two hours later, I received a video on my WhatsApp number where a nude woman was posing and my video was morphed in it."

He said, "I went to the cyber-crime police station. Meanwhile, the caller had sent the video to three persons known to me."

After the money was transferred, the account of offenders was frozen and bank officials tracked it to Rajasthan.

Govt to hold talks with SEC on delimitation, says HM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER MLAs from all parties raised concerns over the existing delimitation guidelines of the State Election Commission (SEC) that allegedly did not take into consideration population and geographical challenges, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said that possibilities of new guidelines will be discussed with the poll body.

"The delimitation process has already begun... But given the legitimate concerns of the members of the House, we will request the Commission to reconsider the guidelines. We cannot interfere in the election body's decision, but can always have a dialogue," Bommai told the House. He said that a meeting of all stakeholders, including Opposition parties, will be held on Thursday to prepare modified guidelines for delimitation.

"The elections will be held on time," Bommai said after Congress' HK Patil and Siddaramaiah said care should be taken so that elections -- likely to be held in May or June -- are not disrupted.

"Issues have cropped up at districts during the delimitation process because of conditions like no division of gram and taluk panchayats and fixing of population limit," Bommai said. BJP Karkala MLA Sunil Kumar raised the matter during zero hour and called the delimitation process unscientific. Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri asked the government to immediately talk to the SEC.

KPCC Working President Satish Jarkiholi (centre) addresses reporters at Congress Bhavan in Belagavi on Monday

Cong to name Belagavi LS bypoll nominee in 2-3 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

THE suspense over the Congress candidate for the high voltage by-election to the Belagavi Parliamentary seat may finally be over, with KPCC Working President Satish Jarkiholi on Monday disclosing that the nominee will be announced by March 25 or 26.

Addressing media persons here, Jarkiholi said, "There are some differences which have to be sorted out. The BJP has also not announced its candidate. But, we will announce our candidate in two or three day. No central leaders will be coming for campaign as it will be handled only by state leaders."

On the CD-gate controversy surrounding his brother and BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, Satish said, "There won't be any impact on the bypoll. The case is taking twists and turns every day, and moreover, it is still under investigation." Satish also said that he had not spoken to Ramesh after the controversy erupted.

Admitting that his name had gained traction during the recent meeting held at the KPCC office in Bengaluru, he said, "Three names have been sent to the high command. I have been summoned to Delhi and I will be visiting Bengaluru before heading there. The decision of the party high command will be final."

On the strategy for the bypoll, Jarkiholi said, "The failures of the State and Union governments will be our primary focus."

IN NEXT POLLS

Vijayendra will contest from Varuna in 2023, says BSY

K SHIVA KUMAR
@ Mysuru

ELECTIONS to zilla and taluk panchayats in the Mysuru region will be a prestige issue for state BJP vice-president **B Y Vijaynedra** with Chief Minister **B S Yediyurappa** hinting that his son will enter the electoral fray from the Varuna constituency in the 2023 general elections.

Though Vijaynedra's name was doing the rounds for the by-election to the Basavakalyan constituency, Yediyurappa clarified that the party will not field Vijayendra there and instead, he will be the candidate from Varuna, represented by Opposition leader Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra now.

Yediyurappa also said that Vijayendra will have a house in Mysuru as it is certain that he will contest from Varuna. But the BJP vice-president is already making his presence felt in the region.

He had intervened and got KIADB to drop acquisition of mutt land at Thandya village, and helped resolve the strike by S Kumar's Company employees. It is said that Vijayendra, with

the help of JSS Seer Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, also got the Film City Project to Immavu in the Varuna constituency that would help generate employment. Sources said that he is also prevailing on the government to make Varuna a new taluk. Assisting him are state BJP vice-president Rajendra and Devraj Urs Development Corporation Chairman R Raghu.

During his regular visits to the constituency, he makes it a point to go to Dalit colonies, interact with local youngsters, and seek blessings of seers.

The move has thrilled local party leaders and also taken the political fever a notch higher ahead of the zilla and taluk panchayat polls.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Urban Development Authority Chairman Rajeeva said Vijayendra's candidature from Varuna will strengthen the party base in the constituency and its ripples will be felt in the neighbouring constituencies.

He recalled that Vijayendra was instrumental in the party's victory at K R Pet and Sira constituencies. He said it will also help turn the Mysuru region from a Congress bastion into a BJP stronghold. Local leaders Gokul Govardhan and Madesh said Vijayendra's organisational skills would make a difference and boost the morale of party workers in Siddaramaiah's backyard.

In a freak accident on Hosur Road near Attibele on Monday, a speeding truck laden with crushed jelly stones toppled over a car, killing two of its occupants. The deceased have been identified as Pawan Kumar (44) and D Jagadish Kumar (38).

HC: Will govt have pvt body review Metro terms?

'Incumbent officer hasn't applied mind in checking BMRCL-Govt MoU; Seek help from IIT, IIM to assess compliance'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday asked the State and Central Governments and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to make a statement, whether they are prepared to appoint an independent agency like IIM or IIT, to ascertain that all the terms and conditions of the MoU entered in respect of Phase-1 of metro rail project, are complied with in true letter and spirit.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj posed this question to them in response to a PIL filed by DT Devare and Bangalore Environment Trust, seeking directions for implementation of all terms and conditions, which include Comprehensive Mobility Plan and Integrated Traffic Rationalisation Plan, which are imposed by the Union Government, while entering into the MoU with the State Government and BMRCL.

Noting that the officer appointed by the Centre has not applied his mind with regard to the compliance of terms and conditions, while giving approval for the metro rail project by the Union Government, the court said if the parties agree on forthcoming hearing, then it will take a stand to commence the exercise to ascertain whether the terms and conditions of the MoU are complied with.

On February 13, 2020, the court had directed the Government of India to appoint responsible officers to verify whether the terms and conditions have been complied with by all the concerned, including Karnataka and BMRCL, in true letter and spirit. If the Centre finds that the conditions have not been complied with, though the Phase-1 work is already over, it will have to take a call on the action to be taken against the State Government, as well as BMRCL. Clarifying the object and purpose of these directions, the court passed the order on Monday over appointing an independent agency.

'File FIR for flouting Covid norms at Panchamasali rally'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

"THOUSANDS assemble without masks. You want a red carpet for offenders and you don't want to take action against them. Now you want to compound the offences. This cannot be tolerated," the Karnataka High Court orally observed on Monday, rapping the State Government for not setting the criminal law into motion over violation of mask and physical distancing norms at the Panchamasali rally held recently in Bengaluru.

Hearing a public interest litigation by Letzkit Foundation, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj said that the violations were unpardonable.

"We want registration of an FIR by tomorrow. Otherwise, everything including Supreme Court guidelines in Lalitha Kumari's case will be nought," the court observed.

When the bench asked the government to make its stand clear on setting the criminal law in motion under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, the state informed the court that it had levied fines on rally organisers and the offences are compoundable in nature.

The Court said that offences are compoundable only after the registration of an FIR and investigation.

Therefore, an FIR should be registered as per law against the violators, the court said, granting time to the State Government to comply with its directions.

Members of farmer organisations march during a rally protesting against anti-farm laws, in Bengaluru on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

FARMER UNIONS CALL FOR BANDH ON MARCH 26

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THOUSANDS of farmers staged a sit-in-protest followed by a public gathering at Bengaluru on Monday as part of Samyukt Kisan Morcha's serial protest against the Union Government's farm laws. Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait and Hasiru Sene Chief Kodihalli Chandrashekhar led the protests where a call for Karnataka bandh was given for March 26. Members of various labour unions and rights organisations like All India Central Council of Trade Unions, All India Progressive Women's Association and All India Students Association Karnataka protested in solidarity with farmers.

"The response to all three days of our serial protest has been wonderful. Farmers in Karnataka understand how these laws will impact them. We have decided to call for a Karnataka bandh on the lines of Bharath Bandh called for by Samyukt Kisan Morcha on March 26 against the farm laws, rising fuel prices, unemployment and various issues affecting common citizens," said Kodihalli Chandrashekhar. While a tractor rally that was planned from neighbouring districts to Bengaluru was disrupted, police stopped farmers marching towards Vidhana Soudha leading to a sit-in protest at Anand Rao Circle. Protestors later gathered at Freedom Park.

"Our protests won't stop until these farm laws are repealed and MSP is guaranteed on our crops. Many farmers are unable to come to Delhi but they can come to Bengaluru. We should make Bengaluru into another Delhi," said Rakesh Tikait adding that the Centre has not spoken to protesting farmers since January 22. The unions have decided to hold another mahapanchayat in Belagavi on March 31.

The hutment of the poor Dalit family

Dalit couple prevented from burying baby's body

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Tumakuru

A Dalit couple from Kaimara Jampenahalli Cross in Koratagere taluk were stopped from giving a decent burial to their four-month-old baby on Sunday. They were about to lay the body inside a pit on the dry bed of the Suvarnamukhi rivulet when the staff of a nearby garment factory raised objection.

Rangantha and Nethravathi, both hawkers, do not even have a pucca house to live and were struggling to find a place to bury their baby as Dalits have no burial place in the area.

The baby had died of respiratory infection and the couple's makeshift home is surrounded by stone quarry units. Dust menace has been troubling the residents here, locals say. The couple and relatives had arranged everything for burial and an elderly man placed the body inside the pit when security guards of the factory Shivalinga objected to it, claiming that it's factory land. "It does not belong to the factory as it comes under Survey No. 52 and it is a rivulet under Jetti Agrahara gram panchayat," remarked Nagaraj, a resident. Following complaints, tahsildar Govindaraju conducted a survey of the land on Monday. Meanwhile, residents claimed they have been burying bodies at the same place for years.

Union govt must make more vaccines available: Experts

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ACCORDING to experts, to have a sustained campaign of 10 million doses per day, India will need to have a reasonable stockpile and production line of vaccines. They argue that the Central Government should now also approve other vaccines that are internationally available with established efficacy and safety levels.

"The Centre can approve them under Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA). Bridge studies can be done while vaccines are rolled out under the EUA before access to the market. The government may proactively seek supplies from other manufacturers while rapid studies can assess safety and immunogenicity in the Indian context," said Dr Giridhara R Babu, senior epidemiologist and member of the Technical Advisory Committee for Covid-19.

While the vaccine programme in India has so far focused on those aged over 60 and those over 45 with comorbidities, besides health workers and frontline Covid warriors, the Union Government is said to be considering whether it needs to stock more vaccines to expand its programme.

Many states, including Karnataka, had sought from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to relax the age limit for vaccination. Karnataka's TAC had suggested that any person who is 18 years and above should be permitted to get any vaccine approved by the Centre, and also demanded the removal of restrictive criteria of medical certification of comorbidity, vaccine availability at any designated place, and at a price regulated by the government.

The committee is of the view that this will help scale up vaccination in the workplace settings across India.

However, the Centre rejected an expansion of vaccination centres as it was determined that such locations like old-age homes, apartment complexes, etc., lacked adequate space for vaccination such as waiting room area, vaccination room and observation room, besides adequate cold storage facilities. The Centre cited "lack of logistics" as the reason.

Meanwhile, Dr Anant Bhan, a bioethics researcher who is closely following vaccine-related research and development, said, "The Centre has not agreed to vaccinate all, probably due to shortage of vaccines. They may be wanting to first cover those at risk as per the priority list. Then, they will open up sequentially."

Two weeks later, SIT still on the trail of CD-gate suspects

> Any real progress can be achieved only when the prime suspects are caught and interrogated
>
> Senior police officer from the SIT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE special investigation team (SIT), which is probing the CD-gate since two weeks, is yet to achieve any major breakthrough in the case. Meanwhile, the team has been tracking the movements of the suspects in North India and has frozen two bank accounts in which Rs 20 lakh is believed to have been deposited.

A senior police officer from the SIT said that the prime suspects, who are on the run, have managed to stay under the radar. A technical team is finding it tough to track their digital footprint since they are not using mobile phones or operating any bank accounts. The suspects are not staying in one place for long and have changed places at least thrice — Delhi, MP and Uttarakhand. The officer said so far, over 20 people have been questioned in but any real progress can be achieved only when the prime suspects are caught and interrogated. Efforts are on to trace the woman seen in the purported CD.

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.,
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporation Office: Ground Floor, B.M.T.C. Yeshwanthpur, T.T.M.C Bus Stand, Yeshwanthpur Circle, Bangalore-560022.

No.KSTDC/FIN/47/2020-21/2628 Date: 22.03.2021

"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST"

Sub: Inviting an EOI from Public Sector Undertaking Insurance companies to provide insurance coverage for KSTDC vehicles.

Ref: EOI No: KSTDC/FIN/47/2020-21

Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) being a premier service provider in hospitality sector, operating various hotel units and tour packages for tourists and providing reliable and safe journey to tourists with good standards in operation and maintenance of buses. KSTDC proposes to go for Insurance Coverage for all it's vehicles. In view of the above Expression of Interest is invited from Non-Life Insurance PSU companies governed by rules and regulations of IRDA. In this regard, the detailed EOI can be obtained from the website **www.kstdc.co** or collected in the KSTDC, Head office on or before 25.03.2021. Detailed Date of Events are as follows.

Sl.No.	Event Description	Date
1	Last Date for collecting information from KSTDC Office.	25.03.2021
2	Date of Pre-bid Meeting	29.03.2021
3	Last date for receiving queries/ clarifications	31.03.2021
4	Last date for submitting proposals	02.04.2021
5	Opening of Financial Proposal	05.04.2021

Schedule Pre-bid meeting will be held at 12 Noon in the office of the Managing Director, KSTDC Head Office, Ground Floor, TTMC Building, BMTC Bus Stand, Yeshwanthpur-560022. Representatives from interested companies are requested to attend the meeting. For any queries please contact General Manager (Admin), KSTDC Ltd., Yeshwanthpur, B'lore-22, Ph.No. 080-43344355.

Sd/ -
DIPR/DDU/SHIRDISAI/3201/2020-21 General Manager (Admin)

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Branch Office: Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027.

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8 (1)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited ,under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.
The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.
Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION
A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	Loan No. X0HEBAN00001767327 1.PREMALATHA S 2.M/S. SRI BHYRAVESHWARA BOUTIQUE 3.VARSHA R 4.HAMSA R All are residing at No. 510, 7th Cross, KC Housing Society Nagadevanahalli Bangalore-560056	18.08.2020	Rs. 62,42,541.29 as on 28/02/2020	All that piece and parcel of property bearing residential Site No.510 layout formed by the Kalian Co-operative Housing Society situated at Naga devanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore. East by : Road, West by : Site No.511, North by : Site No.533, South by : Road.	20.03.2021

Place: Bangalore
Date : 20.03.2021
AUTHORISED OFFICER
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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Ph No: 080-28437474. Email:br2206@kgbk.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank, Kumbalagodu Branch,** under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers/ mortgagor/guarantor to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on date mentioned below

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of due.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrowers	Date of Possession Notice & Outstanding Amount and Demand notice Date.	Description of the Immovable Property
1	**Smt. Gnanavathi W/o Mohan and 2) Sri. Mohan S/o Veerabhadrappa,** both residing at No.19, Sallapuradamma Temple, Sallapuradamma Layout, Sunkadakatte, Viswaneedum Post, Bangalore-91.,	**Possession Notice Date : 17.03.2021 Rs. 8,22,186.50 /- as on dated 05.03.2021, and interest from 26.02.2021, inclusive of other charges. Demand Notice Date: 26.11.2020 Rs.8,67,491.50/- inclusive of interest up to 25.11.2020**	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House in Site No.19, Assessment no. 89/1, measuring 22ft X 27ft, totally measuring 594 sq.ft, situated at Srigandhadakaval, Yeshvanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the Registration sub-District Nagarabavi and District Bengaluru Urban. **Bounded on : East by :** Other's Property, **West by:** Pushpa's Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Puttalakshmi's Property
2	**Sri. Thyagaraj.K S/o Krishnappa**, and **Naveen.T S/o Thyagaraj.K,** No.1/3, 4th Main, Ramachandrapuram, Bangalore-560021	**Possession Notice Date : 17.03.2021 Rs. 3,55,141/- interest from 06.03.2021 for respect of A/c No: 42206204001716 & Rs. 9,22,219.50/- interest from 19.02.2021 for respect of A/c No: 42206102000814 Demand Notice Date: 25.11.2020 Rs.13,12,511.50/- and inclusive of interest up to 05.11.2020.**	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House in Municipal No. 1/3, Site No.1 (western Portion), PID NO.25-19-1/3, measuring 40ft X 20ft, totally measuring 800sq.ft, situated at Ramchandrapura, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, within the Registration sub-District Rajajinagar and District Bengaluru Urban. **Bounded on East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Property., **West by:** 5th Main Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Naale

Date : 17.03.2021
Place : Bangalore
Authorised Officer, KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK, Kumbalagodu Branch, Bangalore

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1)) (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Maharashtra** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. 13(2) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 08.05.2017** and subsequent publication dated 13.01.2021 calling upon the borrowers **M/s Coastal Projects Limited** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.152,83,35,609/- (Rupees one hundred fifty two crore eighty three lakh thirty five thousand six hundred and nine only)** plus un applied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default.
The borrowers having failed to repay the total amount due, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **20.03.2021.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Maharashtra** for an amount hereinabove mentioned.
The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and **taken possession** by the Bank are as follows:

01	Equitable Mortgage of Commercial Property, BBMP PID No.66-01-105, at Survey No.19/1, Madivala-Hosur Main Road, Bangalore.
02	Equitable Mortgage of Commercial Property building at D.No.51/936-C, Survey No.403/2, 404/A & 404/B2, Spencer Building, Opp APSRTC Bus Stand, Bellary Road, Kurnool District.
03	Equitable Mortgage of Dry Agricultural Land at Survey No.63, Kismathpur Village & Gram Panchayat, Rajendra Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.
04	Equitable mortgage of Dry Agricultural Land at Survey No.63, Kismathpur Village & Gram Panchayat, Rajendra Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.

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Date: 20.03.2021
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2. No. of work :- 1 No.
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4. Class of contractor :- 'B' & 'A' Class.
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7. Date of opening of bid :- Dt.20.04.2021 at 11.00 Hours.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

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Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:
RFP Reference Number: RFP/ITD/012/20-21 DATED 20.03.2021

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SMS AGGREGATING SOLUTION

The RFP document for the above tender is available in bank's e-tendering website **https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net** & **www.iob.in.** For RFP details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the above websites.

Note: Previous Tender Ref: RFP/ITD/005/20-21 dated 24.06.2020 for Supply, Installation and Maintenance of SMS Aggregation Solution stands cancelled.

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NIT No. 8/KADIYAPULANKA/2021 Date: 23.03.2021

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited by M/s. Aditya Global Business Incubator, the Implementing Agency (IA) of Kadiyapulanka Coir Cluster, from reputed manufacturers / authorized dealers for the supply, erection and commissioning of machineries, equipments and its accessories for the Common Facility Center of Kadiyapulanka Coir Cluster on turnkey basisunder the **Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) of Coir Board, Ministry of MSME, Government of India.** The details of Tender conditions and terms can be downloaded from the website **www.coirboard.org, www.nimsme.org. Last date for submission of Tenders is 06.04.2021 up to 3.00 PM.**

Director
M/s. ADITYA GLOBAL BUSINESS INCUBATOR

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARMENT
Office of The Executive Engineer, R.D.W & S, Division, Haveri

Sl.No.RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:38/2020-21/1828
Date : 22-03-2021.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(1) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from : **05-04-2021** at: 17:30 hours (2) Date of Financial Bid Opening (Sl.No 1 to 5) Technical Bid Opening (Sl.No 6 to 10) (If possible) : **06-04-2021** @ 17:31 hours (3) Date of Financial Bid Opening (Sl.No 6 to 10) (If possible) : **09-04-2021** @ 10:30 hours (4) Date of Pre bid meeting at Executive Engineer, R.D.W & S Division, Haveri : **30-03-2021** @ 11:00 hours

Inviting tenders of Water Supply works of Ranebennur & Savanur taluks under NRDWP JJM scheme.

General : Indent No : (1) 33434, (2) 33399, (3) 33401, (4) 33406, (5) 33400, (6) 33336, (7) 33337, (8) 33338, (9) 33339.

SC : Indent No : (1) 33421).

The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the date of hosting the tender.

DIPR/HVR/MC&A/414/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.D.W&S Division,Haveri**

PARADIP PORT TRUST

e-Tender Call Notice (e-TCN)
NO.MD/ACCTS/WK-R-19/2020/294
Dtd. 17.03.2021

Name of the Work: **"Assistance for Marine Operations for a period of 03 (three) Years".** Estimated Cost: ₹ **3,85,18,272/- Plus GST.** Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is **1500** hrs. on Dt. **20.04.2021.** For details, please log on to the website **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Dy. Conservator
PPT/PR/448/20-21 Dt. 22.03.2021

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e-procurement Tender Notice

NIT. No.146 to 168/MD/APEWIDC/VJA/2020-21, Dated 21-03-2021

NIT No.146 to 168 downloading commencement on 22.03.2021 and closing date may be viewed in e-procurement.gov.in

1. Tenders are invited from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) / Original Equipment Manufacturing firms / Original Equipment Manufacturing Companies for various works / Products / items of 23 works to be used in Mana Badi: Nadu-Nedu Programme with different packages ranging from with an estimate Cost of Rs.3.94 crores to Rs.69.03 crores in 13 Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Further details may be viewed at **http://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** Contact No.**08645 295758**

Note: 1. Changes / amendment if any will only be communicated through above e-procurement platform.

2. Reverse auction applicable as per G.O.Ms.No.67, dated 16.08.2019 of Water Resources (Reforms) Department and G.O No:79, Dated: 25.08.2020 of the Finance (HR.V-TFR) Dept.

Sd/- Managing Director, APEWIDC, Vijayawada

BANGALORE CO-OPERATIVE MILK UNION LTD.,
DR M H MARIGOWDA ROAD: BANGALORE – 560029
E-mail Address bamultrust@gmail.com
Website : www.bamulnandini.coop Phone :080-26096295

IFT No.BAMUL/P&I/ C.I/e-Tender/94/2021-22 Date : 19.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Bangalore Co-operative Milk Union Ltd. Bangalore-29 (Bamul) invites Technical & Commercial Short Term e-Tender through e-procurement portal (https://www.eproc .karnataka.gov.in) for Insuring **Cross-Breed Heifers / Cows / Local Cows / Buffaloes** (without permanent total disability coverage) owned by Members of Milk Producers Co-Operative Societies affiliated to Bangalore Milk Union limited for a period of One year.

e-Procurement Tender's are invited from **"Eligible IRDAI Registered General Insurance Companies"** who deal with the Cattle Insurance coverage for a period of One year.

The details are mentioned here under :

A	Access to e-tender portal	**From 23.03.2021 to 22.04.2021 up to 2.00 P M**
B	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications	**15.04.2021 up to 5.00 PM**
C	Last Date & Time for Submission of tenders	**22.04.2021 up to 2.00 PM**
D	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Tender	**23.04.2021 2.30 P M**
E	**Date & Time for Opening of Commercial Tender**	**26.04.2021 11.35 AM**
F	**Place of Opening of Technical and Commercial Tenders**	**Board Room Bangalore Co-operative Milk Union., Bengaluru-29.**

The details of the Tender Fees, EMD Tender Terms & Conditions are available in e-procurement portal **(https://www.eproc .karnataka.gov.in)** for Verification.

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR
(Tender Inviting Authority)
Bamul

CHHATTISGARH STATE POWER TRANSMISSION COMPANY LTD. RAIPUR
(A Govt. of Chhattisgarh Undertaking) CIN- U40108CT2003SGC015820/ GST NO.- 22AADCC5773E1ZX
O/o Chief Engineer (Planning & Projects) Address : Third floor, SLDC Building, Danganiya Raipur-492013
Website : www.cspc.co.in Phone: 0771-2574238/12/09 Fax: 0771-2574246

No.02-04/NIT/ TR-20/14/2329 Raipur/dtd.19/03/2021

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER (E-bidding)

Sealed tenders are invited from experienced Bidders for taking up the following project on turnkey basis-

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Particulars	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-refundable)	Earnest money	Due date of opening of tender
1	TR-20/14 (RFx No. 8100020773)	Replacement of existing G.I. Earthwire (7/3.66mm) of various EHV transmission lines (4700 km) of CSPTCL by OPGW (24 & 48 Fibre)	Rs.11,200/-(Printed) Rs.11,800/- (Downloaded)	Rs.5.00 lacs	**28/04/2021** & Pre-bid conference on **16/04/2021**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS :- The tender document can be obtained from the office of the CE(P&P) on payment of cost of tender documents or can be downloaded from our web site. For all other details of N.I.T. and terms & conditions, please visit our website www.cspc.co.in (go through CSPTCL – Tender Notice-Planning & Project).

//Save Electricity// 28268/4 Chief Engineer (Planning & Projects) CSPTCL, Raipur

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysuru,
PB No-1, Yelewal PO Mysore - 571130 date: 19/03/2021

(CORRIGENDUM -1) Ref:BARC/MYS/PM/ELEC/2020/01
Subject: Changes in date & time for submission of bids.

Name of the work: Supply & Installation of Street lighting system at BARC Mysuru". With reference to the above tender bidders to please note the following changes in the date & time of submission of bids:

S.NO	Tender Activity	As per NIT	Revised Date & Time
1	Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders	23/03/2021 (15:30)	30/03/2021 (15:00)
2	Last date for submission of original documents of Tender Processing Fee	26/03/2021 (15:00)	05/04/2021 (15:00)
3	Online Opening of PQ bid & Technical bid (Part-1)	26/03/21 (11:00 Hrs)	05/04/2021(11:00)
4	Opening of Financial Bid (Part-2)	31/03/21 (Tentative)	09/04/2021 (Tentative)

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
For and on behalf of President of India

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION YADGIR – 585202

No.EE/RWS&SD/YDG/JJM TENDER/2020-21/1446 Date: 18-03-2021

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION-CALL-3

The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Yadgir here by invites separate Technical & Financial Bid Tender on behalf Hon'ble Governor Karnataka from the eligible civil contractor for works approved under JAL JEEVAN MISSION – 2020-21 details as below.

1) Works details:- 1) CHINNEKAR- Est Cost Rs.144.50 lakhs- Indent No.27533 in YADGIR TQ, 2) Eligibility of Contractors : Class-III and Above 3) Date of Commencement of downloading of bidding document Date: 19-03-2021 to 26-03-2021 4)Cost of Tender form and EMD : as per e-Procurement 5) Pre Bid Meeting Date: 22-03-2021 & Address: Office of the Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division Yadgir at 11.00 am 6) Last Date to Submit bids on e-portal : Date: 26-03-2021 before 4.30 pm 7) Opening of Technical Bid:Date: 29-03-2021 after 5.00 pm, 8) Opening of Financial Bid : Date: 31-03-2021 after 11.00 am. 9) For more information contact Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division Near Railway Station Yadgir.10) web site: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through e-Procurement system only.

DIP/Yadgiri/334/MC&A/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division Yadgir.**

Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation
Sir Siddappa Kambli Road, Hubballi, Phone No. (0836) 2213822 website : www.hdmc.gov.in
Phone-0836-2213834 Email Id : eenorth.hubli@gmail.com

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Quotation Notification

Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) under 15th Finance General Basic Grant invites the quotations from authorized dealers/ Plant manufacturers / contractors/Suppliers for the Planning, design, supply, installation construction, erection, commissioning & testing of LPG/CNG based human crematorium confirming to specification laid by central/state pollution control board as mentioned in the format given below. interested can submit quotations on or before **25-03-2021** within 4 pm to mail id eenorth.hubli@gmail.com or send it through post to the below mentioned officer's office.

	SL.NO	Item Details	Technical Specification Description	Rate
Planning, design, supply, installation / construction, erection, commissioning testing of LPG/CNG based human crematorium confirming to specification laid by central/state pollution control board.	1	Crematorium capacity	60-80 kg/hr	
	2	Overall dimension of incinerator	3.2M (L) x 1.7M (W) x3.5 M (H) Appx.	
	3	No. of chambers	2 No's Primary & Secondary	
	4	Burner	3 Nos (wesman/Continental Make/ Equivalent 2 Nos for Primary & 1 No for Secondary.	
	5	Cremation chamber size. (Primary)	2.4M (L) x 1M (W) x 1.1 (H) Appx.	
	6	Post Combustion (Secondary Chamber)	1.5M (L) x 0.5 M (W) X 0.8 (H) Appx	
	7	Cremation furnace structure	72 x 72MM M.S. Square tube framework covered with 2 mm thick SS 304 Decorative sheets.	
	8	Charging Door	SS 304 fabricated internally insulated with ceramic wool 128 kg/m^3 density 1260^{0}c & Provided with Vertically electric operating system bearing block shaft, chain, sprocket, reducing gear motor etc.	
	9	Body Charging Trolley	SS Fabricated Hydraulically operated (up & down) fully automatic Body / Charging Trolley.	
	10	Power system	3-phase/415 volts/50Hzs with neutral.	
	11	Operating load	20 KW	
	12	Operating Temp	600-900^{0}c	
	13	Refractory bricks	Alkali Resistant high density refractory brick & superior suitable material to sustain up to 1260^{0}c temperature.	
	14	Insulation bricks.	Conforming to IS-2042 & Superior low thermal insulation material to reduce heat losses.	
	15	Combustion air blower	Appx. 225 CFM centrifugal type 5 HP 1440 RPM induction motor Crompton/Siemens/kirloskar/ Equivalent make. Provided with air flow control damper & pipeline up to burners.	
	16	Exhaust air blower	Appx. 200 CFM centrifugal type 3 HP 1440 RPM induction motor Crompton/Siemens/kirloskar make. made out of SS 304 materials.	
	17	Combustion System	Supply & installing Gas fired reputed WESMAN/CONTINENTAL/ ECOFLAME /REILO/ Equivalent make 150 KW Each PNG burners of suitable location for cremator complete the wastage. The burner size and specifications is standard size & spares should be easily available in the market. 2 Nos of Burner for primary & 1 No for secondary chamber with all control's solenoid valves, spark plug, flame sensing rod, HT transformer Etc.	
	18	Control panel.	This shall be made out of 14 SWG SS sheet metal work. The control panel is very Simple in operation & maintenance. if incorporates all switchgears required for furnace equipment, Sequence Controller, etc. it also includes Ammeter, Contactor, relay Voltmeter, Energy meter, temp Controller, terminals etc. All internal wiring is done with copper conductors Suitable for 1.1 KV power connection to the control panel. All switch gear should be Siemens/ L&T/ Equivalent make.	
	19	Cabling & Earthing	From furnace control panel to all furnace equipment are provided with armored PVC insulated copper conductor cable along with earthing, earth pits in proper manner. cable Make :- Polycab/ Finolex /RR cable/ Equivalent make.	
	20	Water Scrubber	This shall be provided to control air pollution emission within the specified range as per the specification by Karnataka state Pollution Control Board. The water Scrubber shall be fabricated out of 3 mm thick AISI 304 plate & provided with specially designed spray nozzles, mist eliminator, dampers etc. These are coupled with AISI 304 SS suction blower for efficient scrubbing of flue gases. The scrubbers are available In vertical or horizontal as per site conditions. The inlet water connection & drain connection etc. complete. SS 304 Ducting Suitable size up to chimney.	
	21	M.S Chimney	Chimney offered is self-supporting made out of suitable M S BQ plates provided with ladder, platform for air pollution monitoring purpose. The chimney height up to 30.5 MTR with necessary EN-8 foundation bolts. Bottom shell 10mm thick, 1 No, middle shell 8 mm Thick. 2 Nos & top shell 2 Nos 6mm thick, suitable size flanges, ribs, Gasket & HT bolts. The chimney top shall be provided with SS canopy, copper lighting arrestor with G.I. earthing strip & earth pit. The chimney shall internally painted with heat resistant alluminum base paint & externally with black epoxy paint chimney shall be conforming to IS.	
	22	Civil Work	Required civil housing, foundation, electric power, water, drain, etc. for the furnace as per our requirement.	

DIPR/Dharwad/MCA/895/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer (North) HDMC Hubbli**

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CORRIGENDUM NO. - 7

Tender Details
Tender No : ELCORE-OHE-EPC-13 (Open Tender) Closing Date/Time: 21.04.2021 15:00
Name Of Work: EPC TENDER: Request for Proposal for "Electrification of the railway lines in various sections of **Northeast Frontier Railway** of EPC package no. 13 (the "Project") through Engineering, Procurement and Construction (the "EPC") Contract".
Items Modified
NIT Header

Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Tender Closing Date Time	09.04.2021 15:00	21.04.2021 15:00
Bidding Start Date	26.03.2021	07.04.2021

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EE/PWD/HSN/AE-3/2020-21 DATED: 22.03.2021

POSTPONEMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

This Office **Short term Tender Notification No.05/2020-21, Dated 13.08.2020,** for Sl No 1 to 5 last date of Receipt of tender has been postponed to 16.04.2021. For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan

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ಕ್ರಸಂ:ಎಬಿ/ಎಫ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಎಲ್/ಸಿಆರ್–51/2019–20 ದಿನಾಂಕ:16–03–2021

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
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ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in website ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:I:ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು:Design, construction, supply and commissioning of diesel engine driven steel hull passenger boats (2 Nos.) to Kallola & Manjari villages for crossing Krishna river in Chikkodi taluk of Belagavi District. (E-Proc. Indent No. RD/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT158. ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):77.70,ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ವೇಳೆ:07.04.2021 @ 17.30 hours,ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ವೇಳೆ: 23.04.2021@ 17.30 hours

ಸಹಿ/–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1575/MCA/2020-21

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O&M Circle, PVR Complex, Madhuvana Layout Road, Beside UCO Bank, Chikkamagalur - 577101
Ph: 08262-233313 Fax: 08262-233311 E-mail : seecmlmescom@rediffmail.com

No: MESCOM/SEE/O&M/CKM/EE/AEE/AE/2020-21/14256 Dated: 09.03.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal Only)

MESCOM invites tender for the following works on "Total Turn Key Basis".

(1) For providing HT Metering cubicle to 11 KV Keremakki Feeder at Avare village in Aldur section. **(Estimate Cost Rs. 2,76,003/-) (General Category)**

(2) For reallignment of 1.1 KV UG Cable and Feeder pillar box No. 10 from Gandarva Hotel opposite side Bharathi beedi in Sringeri Urban section. **(Estimate Cost Rs. 2,29,800/-) (SC Category).**

3. For providing/ Making LT cubicle to different places in Hiremagalur feeder, CDA Fedeer and Hudco feeder feeding to town & Rural areas in O & M-2 section & Urban Sub Division Chikmagalur **(Estimate Coast Rs. 1,43,275/-) (General Category).**

4. For Re-allignment of existing 11 KV line at LBS College of Mallenahalli, Peeta & Express feeder in O & M-4 section, Rural Sub Division, Chikmagalur **(Estimate Cost Rs. 3,16,848/-) (General Category).**

5. For Re-allignment of existing F-8 Mallandur feeder from Mallandur town to T.B Estate due to bottom deteriorated poles to avoid dence forest and regular interruption in O&M-5 section, Rural Sub Division Chikmagalur **(Estimate Cost Rs. 33,86,331/-) (ST Category).**

The bids will be received through Electronic Tendering mode only. The detailed tender information can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **23.03.2021**. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O&M Circle, MESCOM, Chikkamagalur

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Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001
Tel: 080-22215601, Fax : 080-22211246, Fax: 080-22215602

No. DYES/Action plan/ES/105/2020-21 Date : 20-03-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
E-Procurement Portal, Third Call

Subject : The Deputy Director (Admin), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001. KARNATAKA, INDIA, invites Tender for the Procurement of Athletics Equipments to Shree Kantheerava stadium Benagluru.

(1) Particulars: **Procurement of Athletics Equipments to Shree Kantheerava stadium Benagluru (2)** Amount put to tender: **Rs.21,85.800.00 (3)** EMD amount in lakhs:

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e Procurement Portal

(1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E Procurement Portal: **29.03.2021 time 16.00 Hrs (2)** Opening of Commercial bid: **30.03.2021 time 16.30 Hrs.**

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin) Youth Empowerment and sports (Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/DDU/Shirdi Sai/3195/2020-21

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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Engineering Wing
Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Arogya Soudha, 3rd floor
Leprosy Hospital Premises,1st Cross, Magadi Road Bengaluru-560 023,
Tel.: 080-29557023 E-mail:cekhsdrp@gmail.com & cekhsdrp-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No:HFWD/EW/EIC/TA-3/AE-6/AS Furnitures-TND/2020-21/4090 Date: 22.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Engineer-in-Chief, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-I contractors and above registered in KPWD in two tender document system in e-procurement for the following work.

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Supply of furniture's to Minister, Additional Chief Secretary, Commisioner, MD NHM, Director's Chamber and Meeting Hall's in Arogya Soudha Building Magadi Road, Bengaluru.	162.00

Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **1 Month.**

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **06.04.2021 upto 16.00 Hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **08.04.2021 at 16.00 Hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible Contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

Note: **(1)** All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason.

(2) Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Engineer-in-Chief, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

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Over 80 people were injured, six of them seriously, when a gallery collapsed during the inaugural of the G Savithramma Memorial National Sub-junior Kabaddi Tournament at the District Police Grounds in Suryapet, Telangana, on Monday

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

BJP promises to ban cow slaughter

In manifesto for TN, party says Hindu temples will be freed of government control

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

THE BJP's manifesto for the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections released on Monday seems to be wooing the voters of SC/ST communities, farmers and fishermen. Of course, the manifesto made promises reiterating its avowed stance on freeing Hindu temples from the control of the government, enactment of anti-conversion and anti-cow slaughter Acts etc. The manifesto was released by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in the presence of manifesto committee chairman H Raja, BJP State president L Murugan and senior functionaries.

The promises that are aimed at wooing the SC/STs include retrieval of 12 lakh acres of Panchami lands, renaming of Adi Dravidar Welfare Department as Scheduled CAste Welfare Department, setting up of Arunthathiyar Welfare Board and observance of the birthday of Swami Sahajananda, one who championed the cause of the SCs as Downtrodden Rights Protection Day. Political analyst Tharasu Shyam is of the view that the promise to retrieve Panchami lands would be in paper as the transfer of lands from the SCs had taken place many decades ago and the lands continued to be transferred to many hands. So identifying them and giving it to the community would be a gigantic task.

The Boyar welfare board will be set up for the benefit of the Boyar community. The community has been demanding that they should be included in the SCs list in Tamil Nadu. The manifesto also promised to look into the long pending demand of Badagas to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribes will be fulfilled. Caste certificates would be issued to ST people who have migrated to other places for work. Special training and coaching will be provided for qualified sportspersons from villages and Scheduled Tribe areas to help them achieve greater heights in international sporting events.

The manifesto said an Anti-Cow Slaughter Act in accordance with the articles of Indian Constitution would be strictly implemented in Tamil Nadu. Total ban would be imposed on transporting cows to Kerala and other States for beef and meat. Goshalas would be established in various temples to shelter and upkeep of cows recovered from cattle smugglers.

Shah to campaign in Kerala today

T'Puram: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will arrive in Kerala late on Tuesday to participate in NDA's election campaign. Shah, who will land at the Kochi airport at 9pm, will head to Tripunithura the next day to participate in a road show at 10.30am. He will reach Kanjirappally at 11.45am and address a public meeting at the Shreyas Public School ground at Ponkunnam. He will leave for Chathanoor at 1.40pm.

PMK to support NDA candidates in Pondy

Puducherry: Withdrawing all nominations, the PMK has decided to support NDA candidates. Though the PMK is a constituent of the NDA, it was upset at not being given even one seat in the alliance to contest in Puducherry. Not only that, PMK was not even assured of a nominated MLA post, said Dhanaraju, convenor of Puducherry PMK. The party then fielded 10 candidates to contest against the BJP and NR Congress.

Congress leader and Wayanad Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi takes part in a road show, campaigning for United Democratic Front candidate K Babu at Palluruthy in Kochi, Kerala, on Monday | A SANESH

Rahul hits LDF where it hurts most

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

KICKING off his election campaign in the state, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, MP, on Monday attacked the Pinarayi Vijayan-led LDF government on the controversial deep sea fishing deal signed with an American company saying the agreement was cancelled after it was "caught red-handed" by the Congress.

He also attacked the LDF government on its failure to generate jobs in the state.

Beginning his campaign in the fishing community-dominated Vypeen constituency in Ernakulam, Rahul highlighted the Kerala government's now-cancelled deep-sea fishing deal with American company EMCC International, which the Congress-led opposition had been calling a "bid to sell off the state's marine wealth, endangering the livelihood of lakhs of fishermen in the state".

He said LDF was forced to cancel the deal when the deal was exposed. "It's like a thief saying he's innocent when he's caught red-handed from your house. This is the spirit at which the LDF government is functioning," Rahul said.

The former Congress president, who also addressed a slew of conventions in Ernakulam district including Tripunithura, and Fort Kochi, also criticized the LDF government on its failure to generate jobs in the state. "If the country cannot give jobs to the people, its people have no future. Kerala has lakhs and lakhs of youngsters. I want you to ask yourself, do you feel comfortable getting a job in the future?" 51-year-old Gandhi scion asked, perching atop his vehicle. "This is the situation across the country," he said.

Rahul also came down against the PSC job issue in Kerala, where CPM-sympathisers were allegedly given the jobs out of turn by the Left government.

"I was shocked to find perfectly eligible people, capable youngsters, are being bypassed only to provide jobs for people from a particular organisation. The responsibility of a government is to give jobs to youngsters. It is not giving jobs to people in their organisations," he said.

CEO finds 'merit' in Oppn plaint on multiple entries of voters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

A PRELIMINARY inquiry by district collectors has found merit in Opposition Leader Ramesh Chennithala's complaint about multiple entries in the voters' list, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) **Teeka Ram Meena** said here on Monday.

The CEO also said the assistant electoral registration officer in Udma constituency in Kasaragod has been suspended after it was found that the official had sanctioned a total of five electoral photo identity cards to a single voter. The cards were issued without the recommendation of the booth level officer concerned and a detailed inquiry is on, Meena said.

Though complaints of multiple entries in the voters' list were received only from some constituencies, it has been decided to subject the voters' list to a detailed check in all 140 constituencies, Meena said.

"BLOs are carrying out physical inspection at the ground level. They will prepare booth-wise list and share it with the presiding officers for verification," the CEO said.

ENDLESS WAIT

Parasailing instructors take rest under the shade of a boat on the Kovalam beach, waiting for tourists. With soaring temperatures, there has been a decline in the number of domestic tourists at the beach | BP DEEPU

Panic ensues as 40 from one firm test Covid-19 positive in Chennai

KV NAVYA @Chennai

AS Tamil Nadu recorded 1,385 new Covid cases on Monday, a fresh sense of panic gripped employees of a medical transcription company in Chennai, where 40 staff have tested positive. At first, two people were found to be infected, and further testing revealed 33 cases in the firm's Kandanchavadi branch. "We then tested employees at their second branch, in Taramani, and seven samples returned positive," said a corporation official, adding that both offices have been shut. Thankfully, most infectees are asymptomatic, the official said, adding that the rest of the employees are now being tested.

Such Covid clusters pose a risk in the State, and every day, at least five are being reported from districts such as Chennai, Coimbatore, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur and Tiruppur, Health Secretary J Radhakrishnan said on Monday.

In Thanjavur district, 201 people, including students and staff of 11 schools and four colleges, have tested positive for coronavirus.

Such outbreaks have highlighted the need for safety protocols to be followed strictly. "People must have the same seriousness as they did when the first cluster was reported. Masks are not worn as much as before, and physical distancing has gone for a toss," a Chennai corporation official observed.

A survey conducted by the National Institute of Epidemiology and Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) between October 16 and 19 revealed that only one-third of people wear masks properly (covering the nose and mouth). The survey was conducted on 60 streets (30 each in slum and non-slum areas).

(With inputs from Tanjavur)

Colleges to go back online

Chennai: The State government on Monday ordered all colleges to conduct online classes from March 23, due to rising Covid cases. The order also directed colleges to finish pending practical classes and exams by March 31. Classes for all higher educational institutions including colleges and polytechnic will be held online for six days a week. Exceptions will be made for Science, Engineering and Polytechnic students, who can complete their practical classes and exams by March 31.

No annadanam at temples

Vijayawada: With the spike in Covid-19 cases, the Endowments department Monday decided to stop the 'Annaprasada vitarana' (distribution of food to the devotees) for the time being in temples in Andhra Pradesh to arrest the spread of virus. The temple managements, however, will supply the Annadana Prasadam in packets. Meanwhile, the authorities of Sri Bramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy temple at Srisailam closed the Annadanam services from Monday.

Police ensure that all commuters wear masks following a steep rise in Covid cases in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on Monday | G SATYANARAYANA

AP schools to have half-day

Vijayawada: Classes from Class 1 to 10 will be held only for half day starting April 1. The spike in the number of Covid-19 cases and rising heat conditions have prompted the School Education Department to declare half days for all the schools including government, private and aided starting from April 1, said Education Minister Adimulapu Suresh. The school timings will be from 7.45 am to 12.30 pm. Mid-day meals will be served after 12.30 pm.

VACANT POSITIONS
IN HC AFTER APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW JUDGES
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Pending cases in Karnataka
Total pending civil cases: 8,58,208
Total pending criminal cases: 10,66,670
Total pending cases: 19,24,878

New HC judges worked their way up the ladder

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RAJENDRA Badamikar, who has been elevated as an additional judge of the Karnataka High Court, has worked in different capacities. In 1993, he was appointed as JMFC, Chikkodi, in Belagavi district and was promoted as Senior Civil Judge in 2002 and posted in Hanagal of Haveri district. He was later transferred to Bengaluru as Deputy Secretary, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority and Member-Secretary of High Court Legal Services Authority, up to July 2009.

He was Additional District and Sessions Judge of the Lokayukta Court in Belagavi and Principal District and Sessions Judge in Kolar between 2015 and 2016. In September 2019, he joined as Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court and the next month, he was appointed as Registrar General.

Born on June 1, 1962 to Muralidhar Balavant Rao Badamikar and Vijaya in Hubballi, Rajendra Badamikar completed his schooling in Bagalkot district and obtained a BSc Degree from Karnataka Science College in Dharwad. He enrolled as advocate in 1987 and practiced civil and criminal law.

Sushree Khazi Jayabunnisa Mohiuddin, is the sixth woman judge in the Karnataka High Court. As an advocate at Vijayapura and Bengaluru from 1988 to 1993, she practised both both civil and criminal laws. She was appointed as Civil Judge and JMFC in October 1993 and worked in Tumakuru, Kodagu, Mandya, Bengaluru and Bengaluru Rural district between 1993 and 2003.

She worked in the Senior Civil Judge cadre at Bengaluru and Sagar from 2003 to 2009 and in the cadre of District and Sessions Judge at Bengaluru and Tumakuru from 2009 to 2015. She served as Principal District and Sessions, Shivamogga, from 2015 to 2016 and Registrar (Administration) and Secretary to Chief Justice, Presiding Officer of Karnataka Wakf Tribunal, etc., from June 2016.

Born to Rashida Begum and MA Kazi on October 8, 1963 in Indi of Vijayapura district, she studied BSc, LLM. She did her schooling in Badami, Gadag, Navalgund, Ballari and Mandya. She got her degree from DVS Science and Arts College in Shivamogga and and her LLB degree from National College of Law in Shivamogga and LLM from Kuvempu University (Distance Education).

Hyper-nationalism takes the cake, HC shows why

HARISH MURALI @ Chennai

CUTTING a cake depicting the national flag is not unpatriotic or insulting, and a "wayfarer" shouldn't expose people to criminal proceedings for such innocuous acts, the Madras High Court ruled on Monday. A single-member bench of Justice N Anand Venkatesh passed these directions and quashed the criminal proceedings initiated by a trial court in an incident dating back to 2013.

During a Christmas event that year, a 6x5 ft cake — with icing representing the Tricolour, an outline of the Indian map, and the Ashoka Chakra at the centre — was cut and distributed to about 2,500 people. The Coimbatore District Collector and a DCP also took part in the celebration.

Following this, one D Senthilkumar, of the Hindu Public Party, filed a complaint alleging that cutting the cake was an offence under Section 2 of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. The State challenged the criminal proceedings initiated by the trial court magistrate, and said there were procedural irregularities in the his direction to register an FIR.

Justice Anand Venkatesh, in his order, emphasised that nationalism is vital. "But hyper and surfeit adherence to it goes against the prosperity of our nation... The symbolisation of national pride is not synonymous with patriotism, just like how cutting a cake is not unpatriotic." He also quoted Rabindranath Tagore: "Patriotism cannot be our final spiritual shelter; my refuge is humanity. I will not buy glass for the price of diamonds, and I will never allow patriotism to triumph over humanity as long as I live."

'What about all other flags?'

The HC cited how at Independence Day or Republic Day events, participants are given a national flag to wear. But after the event, "it becomes part of any other waste paper". "Will this mean that each of the participants has insulted the national flag?"

After 20 years, Malayalam flick bags award for best lyrics

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NAGA Vishal was bestowed the Best Child Actor award for his performance in the Tamil drama, *K D Karuppu Durai*.

While *Marakkar* also won awards for Special Effects (Siddharth Priyadarshan) and Costumes (Sujith Sudhakaran and V Sai), Mathukutty Xavier's debut directorial, *Helen*, bagged two awards: Best Film by a Debutant and Best Make-up (Ranjith).

For the first time after 2000, a Malayalam film has won the award for Best Lyricist (Prabha Varma for *Kolaambi*). The visually breathtaking *Jallikattu*, India's official nomination to the Oscars, won a National Award for its cinematographer Gireesh Gangadharan.

Meanwhile, the experimental Tamil thriller, *Oththa Seruppu Size 7*, that featured just one character, won for its director and actor Parthiban a Special Jury award, and Best Audiography award for its sound designer, Resul Pookutty.

Meanwhile, Kangana Ranaut won her fourth National Award for her performances in the films, *Manikarnika* and *Panga*, and Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan won the Best Director award for *Bahattar Hoorain*.

While Pallavi Joshi bagged the Best Supporting Actress award for *The Tashkent Files*, the Vivek Agnihotri-directorial also won the filmmaker an award for Best Dialogues.

With awards for Best Female Playback Singer (Savani Ravindra), Production Design (Sunil Nigwekar and Nilesh Wagh for *Anandi Gopal*), Best Film on Social Issues (*Anandi Gopal*), Best Sound Designer (Mandar Kamalapurkar for *Trijya*) and Best Film on National Integration (*Taj Mahal*), Marathi cinema won big too. Recognition also poured forth for Bengali Cinema in the form of Best Adapted Screenplay (Srijit Mukherji for *Gumnaami*), Best Original screenplay (Kaushik Ganguly for *Jyeshtoputro*), and Best Background Music (Prabuddha Banerjee).

Joint House panel to probe 'scam' in nursing colleges

ENS @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa has announced the setting up of a Joint House Committee to probe alleged irregularities in granting permission to nursing and allied health science (AHS) colleges in 2020-21.

JDS MLCs had on Thursday protested in the Council demanding a House Committee to investigate the alleged irregularities, shortage of staff, and lack of infrastructure in nursing and AHS colleges. They continued their protest on Saturday and Monday too.

Yediyurappa said, "There is no question of forming a House Committee. But the government is ready to constitute a three-member panel headed by a retired High Court judge." But JDS MLC Marithibbegowda said many committees headed by retired judges have been formed, and ministers could influence these committee heads.

Adjourning the proceedings for 10 minutes, Horatti called leaders of all parties for a meeting. After the House reconvened, the CM announced that a Joint House Committee will be constituted.

EDITORIAL

In the past several years, many research projects have demonstrated very strong links between positive mental states and a reduction in the risk or intensity of various physical illnesses

Mingyur Rinpoche

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— Ramnath Goenka

DEALING WITH THE PROHIBITION ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Every election cycle in Tamil Nadu sees the re-emergence of prohibition as an important issue. While in 2016, both Dravidian parties assured a phased prohibition, this time, the DMK has dropped the promise from its manifesto, claiming that the demand isn't as popular as it is made out to be. It is no secret that TN's finances are heavily dependent on revenue from liquor, with well over ₹30,000 crore in recent years coming from the TASMAC, which handles the retail sale of liquor in the state. At the same time, it is no secret that there is an alcohol problem in TN, and indeed the country at large.

According to a 2019 report commissioned by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, about 2.9 crore people nationally are dependent on alcohol, while in TN, the figure is estimated to be around 37 lakh. About 14.2% of people in the age group of 10-75 in the state consume alcohol but the figure rises to 28.5% when it comes to only men. With alcohol abuse being linked to domestic violence, it is no surprise that prohibition is a promise targeted at women voters. However, data and history from across the world show that prohibition is a failed policy. One way forward has been mentioned by actor-turned politician Kamal Haasan, the founder of the Makkal Needhi Maiam, which is leading a third front in these polls. He has suggested that the state get out of the retail business of alcohol. This pinpoints a fundamental paradox in TN's liquor policy. Since the TASMAC took on retail sales in 2003, the state government is in the position of both controlling and marketing liquor, effectively putting government wings at odds. At the same time, despite alcoholism being identified as a mental illness and youngsters turning to booze from a young age, expenditure on de-addiction and alcohol awareness/education services are but a minuscule fraction of the state's budget.

Rather than attempting to impose prohibition—that will also hit revenue streams—TN might be better served in disengaging from the retail business and focusing on enforcement, de-addiction and alcohol education.

PADDY PROCUREMENT PROBLEMS IN ODISHA

Something politically very unusual happened in Odisha last week. A BJP legislator, as a form of protest against the irregularities in paddy procurement that has left farmers in many parts of the state struggling to sell their harvest at the mandis, attempted to consume hand sanitiser inside the House. The furore over the incident notwithstanding, the party again adopted a novel mode of protest. Unhappy with CM Naveen Patnaik not being present in the Assembly for discussion on the farmers' plight, the saffron party legislators started a march to his residence. On his part, Naveen stepped out of his house and went to them. He personally escorted the MLAs for a discussion. Both sides were happy—the BJP was pleased to have made a big political point while the ruling BJD went cock-a-hoop over the supremo's grand display of statesmanship.

But the real issue continues to be unaddressed. Paddy growers of Odisha, one of the rice-surplus states in the country, have been up in arms over irregularities in kharif procurement. There have been numerous incidents of farmers dumping their harvest on the road after waiting for days at mandis to sell their crop. Reports of distress sale by the hapless farmers have also begun streaming in. Despite the Odisha government adopting a tech-based farmer registration system with Aadhaar and bank linking to keep middlemen out of the scene, there has been widespread resentment over the process. The token-based system of procurement has been subject to serious questions over procedural delays and wrongdoings.

This kharif season, close to 15 lakh farmers had registered themselves for paddy procurement in Odisha. As per Minister for Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Ranendra Pratap Swain's statement, at least 61.2 lakh tonne paddy has been procured from 11.3 lakh registered farmers. This year's farmer registration and procurement figures are way higher than the previous year. Why isn't the government able to weed out the problems at the root of it all? The state government has assured that it would procure paddy from all genuine farmers by March 31, the last date of sale. All eyes would be on that day.

While output is slowly recovering in most economies, the depressed nature of the job market implies production is not being backed up by adequate market demand

DEMAND CRUNCH PERSISTS DUE TO LABOUR MARKET WOES

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The recovery of the global economy seems to be facing headwinds with demand in major economies slowing down, which has been marked by a sharp fall in crude oil prices in recent days. Brent crude, the international benchmark for the commodity, ended the previous week down by almost 7%, settling at $64.53 per barrel. The West Texas Intermediate, which is the US benchmark in oil pricing, fell by a similar margin to $61.42 a barrel. This is the sharpest weekly fall for oil prices since October.

It should be noted that the prices of this key commodity are reacting to the sluggish demand conditions even as the Biden administration has just made its most significant move by pumping in $1.9 trillion through the American Rescue Plan, one of the largest stimulus packages in US history. The critical components of this latest stimulus, which is marginally lower than the Trump administration's CARES Act a year ago, are measures to stimulate demand by putting $1,400 in the hands of most Americans and to extend unemployment insurance. But it seems that the markets are not convinced enough about the incremental demand that the Biden stimulus package will bring, particularly because the labour market conditions have not recovered enough.

Uncertainties in the labour market are among the most daunting challenges that governments must overcome in order to ensure a sustained recovery of their economies. The Biden administration seems to appreciate this fact more than any other. Although the unemployment rate in the country is on a downswing, and is currently around 6.3%, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Jerome Powell, and the Secretary of the Treasury, Janet Yellen, think otherwise. Powell and Yellen have opined that the real unemployment rate would be closer to 10% if the millions of people who have dropped out of the country's labour force are accounted for. It is because of this substantial slack in the labour market and the consequent depressed demand that the Biden administration expects that the $1.9 trillion being pumped into the economy by the American Rescue Plan will not create inflationary pressures.

Labour market woes are quite evident in India, and quite expectedly so, due to the high share of the workforce that is in the informal sector, among the worst hit following the lockdown. Unlike other major economies, official data on the labour market condition in India is available with a lag; the details are available only until the first quarter of the current financial year. In the absence of official numbers, data produced by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) on the state of India's labour market are most often quoted.

CMIE has reported that India's unemployment rate was 6.9% in February 2021. As is well known, unemployment numbers are an imperfect indicator of labour market conditions in India given the presence of significant levels of underemployment in the country. This implies that though workers may find jobs, their working hours may be inadequate for them to earn minimum levels of wages. A more meaningful indicator is the labour force participation rate, the percentage of persons in the labour force (working, seeking or available for work) in the population, which, according to CMIE, recorded 40.5%. Over the past few months, this figure has been hovering between 39-41%, which shows the extent of shrinkage the country's labour market has suffered.

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The bimonthly Consumer Confidence Survey of the Reserve Bank of India endorses CMIE's gloomy labour market scenario. The Survey for January reported that 75.4% of the respondents felt that the situation on the employment front had worsened. In order to understand this figure better, it may be pointed out that when the Indian economy was reeling under the pandemic, around 82% of the respondents felt that the employment situation had worsened. This, in effect, means that the employment scenario has still not shown the desired level of turnaround. The same survey shows that about 61% of the respondents reported decline in incomes, as compared to 63% in July 2020. And perhaps not unsurprisingly, 60% of the respondents reported a decrease in non-essential spending, a figure that has remained almost unchanged since September 2020. What stands out from these numbers is that labour market conditions are still uncertain, leading to a continued demand crunch in the market.

The real conundrum for the governments can be summed up thus: While output seems to be slowly recovering in most economies, the depressed nature of the job market and therefore the inadequate levels of incomes being generated as a consequence imply that production is not being backed up by adequate market demand. In other words, unless consumers are back in the market in adequate numbers, economic recovery would continue to be on a knife edge.

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PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM BURNOUT AT WORK

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It is 9 am. You wake up just in time to switch on your laptop and get to work. A series of meetings lined up await you. The work day was planned for eight hours but it spills over and you are only done well after the sun sets. By the end, you are tired and frustrated. You want to unwind so you pick up your phone, browse mindlessly and catch up on news for a few hours. You don't even feel like talking to your family. Nothing seems to help you feel relaxed.

Does this sound familiar? Hundreds of professionals resonate with this experience, more so in the Covid era and consequent work-from-home culture, where work hours have largely stretched with little scope for recreation. Burnout is a well-recognised phenomenon characterised by emotional exhaustion, feeling detached from work and others, and easily getting overwhelmed with a sense of loss of control. It leads to numerous effects both at the personal and professional level, with emotional consequences such as feeling stressed and on-edge, poor frustration tolerance, easy irritation and poor work performance. Many would even consider quitting their jobs and giving it all up, if not for the financial implications. If not managed early and effectively, work stress and burnout can progress to more severe mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and sleep problems. It can lead to frequent absences from work and decreased job performance.

Understanding burnout: According to the WHO, it is a condition understood as resulting from chronic workplace stress that has three main dimensions: feeling of fatigue, negative attitudes towards one's job/workplace and reduced professional efficiency. It is considered an occupational phenomenon that can lead to serious psychological concerns. Burnout has traditionally been associated with high-profile jobs, long working hours, competitive environments, stringent deadlines, poor interpersonal relations with colleagues and insufficient time for recreational activities. Women tend to be more vulnerable, trying to balance work for home and work from home. In 2020, a sharp spike and spill-over has been noted, mainly due to the rapid shift of working styles leading to an exaggeration of these factors. Certain sectors that have especially been affected are IT, hospitality and the medical fraternity. While the IT sector has largely benefited from increased productivity and decreased overhead expenses, other industries like hospitality are struggling to meet targets with reduced staff strength. These factors add to the health concerns for self and loved ones and financial strains, making people more vulnerable to a burnout. There is plenty of research to demonstrate that frontline workers have suffered from increased mental health issues due to long-term work demands during the pandemic and burnout.

We have been seeing at least 5-10 cases per week of mental exhaustion, anxiety and depression due to burnout throughout last year. This is just the tip of the iceberg, as help-seeking for mental health issues is still poor in India due to stigma and lack of awareness.

Burnout is a global issue. A recent survey supported by Harvard Business Review on 1,500 respondents across 46 countries showed that only 21% reported their well-being as good, whereas more than 50% reported increased job demands, 50% said that their work completely dominated their lives and more than half agreed to having difficulty in maintaining work-life balance.

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Very often people report a nagging self-doubt about whether they are doing things well enough, if they are good enough, which impacts their confidence and decision-making ability. This is a glaring health concern considering the extent of the problem and uncertainty regarding when life will return to pre-pandemic times. It requires our time and attention right away. What can be done to reduce its impact? There are a few lifestyle changes that can help cope with this.

Sign off when you sign out. Log out from your work both physically and mentally. Make sure not to check emails or get on work calls after your dedicated time. Have some screen-free time. Switching from one gadget to another as a means of de-stressing is very unlikely to help you. Make sure to have a few hours of digital detox. Spend quality time with family/friends and yourself. Use the remainder of your day to engage in meaningful activities with your loved ones. Simple board games or even sharing household chores together builds a sense of connectedness. Dedicate time for physical activity, at least 30 minutes of light exercise four-five times a week. Plan your schedule well in advance in order to get some work-life balance where both are equally fulfilling.

Building a sense of connection among work teams has never been more important than now, especially as new schedules rob people of a chance to feel connected with their colleagues outside of work. There is also no harm in discussing the impact on your health with your HR or employer. Many companies recognise the role of work-related stress and have policies to support their employees. You may be able to come up with feasible solutions to overcome this together. Many firms have insurance benefits and provisions for psychological problems while also allowing for flexibility at work.

Most importantly, we need to understand the differences between stress that can be adaptive and distress (harmful stress), the latter needing support and professional help. Both at the employer and employee levels, regular screenings for burnout need to be present. High-risk people include those with family problems, financial issues, anxious personalities, existing mental disorders (like depression, anxiety, sleep issues) and a history of alcohol abuse. Watching out for signs of burnout need not only be in official appraisal and counselling sessions. It can happen at any place including the office cubicle next to you, over a cup of coffee, a corridor talk or during an office party. This is a collective responsibility. Psychological support for burnout can prevent people from developing depression in the long run.

Workplace forms the next major area of life only second to one's home. Hence, early identification of burnout and dealing with it effectively will go a long way in creating a strong and resilient workforce at all levels.

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Poignant pieces

The poignant stories of suffering during Covid and the resilience of many families are a stark reminder that the battle is not yet over (*That long walk, a year on*, Mar 22). Notwithstanding the efforts of the government in fighting the virus with vaccination, we must remember it can be won only with the cooperation of citizens.
R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Pawar eyewash

A political crisis has gripped Maharashtra after the ex-Mumbai police commissioner levelled serious allegations of corruption against the state's home minister. NCP supremo Sharad Pawar's remarks are only an eyewash.
K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad

Misuse of police force

What happened in Mumbai is going on all over India at different scales. Even small traders such as street vendors who sell flowers and fruits are affected. If the police are used for such actions, how can the common citizens approach them? Governments should come out with a better system that will put an end to this long-prevalent menace.
Saisankar P N, Chennai

Skeletons in Maha cupboard

The Maharashtra home minister will naturally be shielded as there will be many skeletons in the cupboard. The Supreme Court should take cognisance of the issue.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

India should be cautious

The column *Peace in the subcontinent: is Pakistan serious?* (Mar 22) is detailed. India's sincerity has never gone unpunished. While this might be a ploy to bring out Pakistan from the economic crisis, the radical Islamic base of that country never wants peace with India. Our diplomats should be cautious.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Olympics during Covid

The editorial *No fans from abroad, but show will go on* (Mar 22) made for sad reading. Foreign fans add colour and bring in diversity, along with the much-needed revenue. But the decision was inevitable under the circumstances.
Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

High-handed approach

It is distressing to read about the Maharashtra government's high-handed approach to contain Covid. The CM often "threatens" to impose a lockdown, fully aware of its adverse impact, especially on the working class. The Epidemic Diseases Act is a British-era law. Courts must intervene and ensure authorities behave in a democratic manner.
Aravind Narasipur, Chennai

Ease of doing business

Ease of doing business is an important indicator of an investment-friendly climate. Now, 20 states have completed the necessary reforms and are eligible for additional borrowing.
Abhimanyu Sahoo, Odisha

Invalid votes by graduates

Recently, polls were held for two graduate MLC seats in Telangana. It was surprising that over 42,000 votes were invalid. Despite being educated, many voters ignored the procedures.
Jayaprakash Reddy, Nalgonda

Respect religious rights

The Uttarkhand police decision to file an FIR against those who put up banners prohibiting entry of non-Hindus in temples in Dehradun (*'Non-Hindus not allowed'* ... , Mar 22) is not in tune with the religious rights in the Constitution. Hindu temples are private places where entry can be restricted as done even in many Devaswom board temples in Kerala.
Sundaram Govind, Aluva

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
The govt does not have money because the economy is not running. So, they are now forcibly taking money from your pocket — from petrol and diesel

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
There will be tremendous change in infrastructure facilities in Puducherry as NDA is committed to promote the basic facilities in Union Territory

Sunil Jakhar @sunilkjakhar
Height of duplicity-While AAP leadership openly flouted COVID rules at their Moga rally, their govt in Delhi charges a fine of ₹2K for not wearing a mask

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

BJP's manifesto is an audio cassette which is audible but not visible. Our manifesto is a video cassette which is visible because we implement what we promise —Abhishek Banerjee, TMC

Today, it is the people's wish that all forces, including Congress, AIUDF, Left and regional parties, should unite in order to defeat CAA and overthrow the BJP government —Gaurav Gogoi , Assam Congress

Congress's only aim is opportunism. They are with Muslim League and fighting against CPI(M) in Kerala, but joined hands with them in Bengal & Assam —JP Nadda, BJP president

Didi vs Smriti sends poll mercury soaring

CM Mamata says BJP will be hit out of the ground, Amethi MP accuses her of letting down women of West Bengal

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

Star BJP campaigner Smriti Irani (centre, picture left) at an election rally in East Midnapore, Mamata Banerjee with a supporter at a gathering in Bankura | PTI, BIBHASH LODH

WITH four days left before campaigning ends for the first phase of polling on March 27, mercury has soared in West Bengal's electoral battleground. Heavyweight campaigners crisscrossed two districts on Monday. Union minister Smriti Irani and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee were locked in a war of words, addressing rallies in East Midnapore and Bankura, respectively.

Irani addressed three rallies in East Midnapore district. The Nandigram constituency, where Mamata is contesting against BJP's Suvendu Adhikari, comes under East Midnapore. The CM, too, attended three rallies and unleashed a scathing attack on BJP.

Mamata's nephew Abhishek Banerjee also addressed three rallies in East Midnapore. BJP's state president Dilip Ghosh led a roadshow in West Midnapore. Sanyukt Morcha's Mohammad Salim, a politburo member of CPI(M), and Indian Secular Front founder Abbas Siddiqui also addressed three rallies in the district.

"*Khela hobe. Emon khela hobe* BJP *boundaryir baire giye porbe* (A game will take place. Such a game that BJP will be hit out of the boundary line)," Mamata said.

Irani hit back. "*Banglar ghorer meye bairer loker sathe khelche? Uni banglar meyeder sathe, goribder sathe khelchen* (Is Bengal's own daughter playing with outsiders? She is playing with the women and poor people of Bengal)," the MP said in Bengali, taking a jibe at Mamata's effort to brand BJP as a party of outsiders.

Mamata described BJP as a venomous cobra, which will bite if it manages to come to power in West Bengal. Branding the state's ruling party an organisation full of corrupt leaders, Irani said: "TMC's goons did not even spare the towers of cell phone providers in their areas. They steal the battery of the towers."

Reminding people of the promises mentioned in her party manifesto, Mamata said: "Drinking water will be supplied to all the households. More than 70 lakh families have already been brought under the state government's drinking water supply scheme."

80%
of total votes received by BJP in 2019 LS polls in Bengal came from jute growing and jute mill areas

30
months BJP will take to implement Bodo Accord in Assam, Amit Shah said at election rally in Majuli

Tejashwi out on election campaign

Patna: Winning seats in Assam and West Bengal Assembly will be tough for RJD. But Bihar's principal opposition party leader Tejashwi Yadav is campaigning there. He will target the people from Bihar settled in thee two places. On Monday, Yadav conducted a roadshow in Assam's Tinsukia, where RJD has fielded Heera Devi Chaudhary . In Assam, RJD has aligned with Congress and UDF. But in West Bengal, Yadav is likely to campaign for TMC, which is against the Congress alliance .

Snag in chopper, Shah hits road

Guwahati: The helicopter Amit Shah was scheduled to travel in from Udalguri to Guwahati developed a technical snag, forcing him to take the road on Monday, party officials said. Shah addressed a rally at Udalguri and was informed about the snag when he was about to board the chopper. He left by road for Guwahati, which is around 70 kms from Udalguri, where he was scheduled to address a closed door meeting. also featuring state BJP leaders and poll workers.

TMC worker found dead

Jhargram (WB): A zonal committee member of TMC died in mysterious circumstances in West Bengal's tribal-dominated Jhargram district on Monday . It triggered a blame game between TMC and BJP. Police said Durga Soren (50) was found unconscious on Sunday evening. He was declared dead after being rushed to hospital, Police said there was no mark or wound on the body and the reason of death will only be known after the post mortem.

Reply to Covid protocol plea: HC to Centre & EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

DELHI High Court on Monday sought responses from the Centre and Election Commission on a plea seeking to debar campaigners and candidates from campaigning in the Assembly elections for repeatedly violating the mandatory guidelines issued by the poll panel in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

A bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jasmeet Singh issued notices to the Centre and Election Commission on the petition and asked them to reply to the plea. The court listed the matter for further hearing on April 30.

Advocate Sidhant Kumar, representing the poll panel, raised objection on the maintainability of the petition. The Centre was represented through advocate Anurag Ahluwalia.

Advocate Virag Gupta, representing petitioner Vikram Singh, said the EC has mandated that 'every person shall wear face mask during every election related activity'.

EC CURB ON BIKE RALLIES IN STATES GOING TO POLLS

New Delhi: The Election Commission on Monday banned bike rallies 72 hours before the date of polling and on polling days in all constituencies headed for elections. In a directive issued to chief electoral officers of West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Puducherry, the Commission said that it has been brought to its notice that in some places bikes are used by anti-social elements to intimidate voters. The EC decided "bike rallies shall not be allowed 72 hours before the date of poll or on poll days".

Cong promises help to jobless workers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

THE Congress unveiled its Bengal election manifesto on Monday, promising monthly financial assistance to migrant workers who lost jobs during the pandemic and financially backward families. It also promised to restore the rule of law in the state.

"TMC and BJP are hand in gloves. It is Mamata Banerjee who brought a communal force like BJP in Bengal. The chief minister is now scared of her defeat after we successfully formed an alliance," said state Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Trying to woo voters who are engaged in agriculture, the manifesto announced 20 per cent surcharge on the power tariff used for the purpose of agriculture, if the alliance comes to power in the state.

"We will restore police and civil administration which will have no political influence. Women's safety will also be first priority and for this, we will increase the number of women police personnel in every police station across the state," said Chowdhury.

Priyanka and Nadda spar over right to serve people of Assam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

ELECTION campaign in Assam is witnessing a war of words between the national-level leaders of BJP and Congress. On Monday in different parts of the state, BJP president JP Nadda and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra of the grand old party took centrestage.

Addressing a rally at Tingkhong in Dibrugarh district, Nadda accused Congress of practising "politics of opportunism" and said Assam will head into "darkness" if the party is voted to power.

"If you need darkness, then go with Congress. But if you need development, hold the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Nadda said. He accused Congress of neglecting Assam and the Northeast since Independence.

"Because of Congress's double standards, the wheels of development had totally stopped. It attacked the civilisation of Assam, sidelining the state's culture. But, BJP brought development and protected Assam's culture and language," Nadda said. Attacking the Congress-AIUDF alliance, he said former CM Tarun Gogoi never allied with the Badruddin Ajmal-led party, but his son has now embraced the AIUDF.

BJP's Himanta Biswa Sarma (left) and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra of Congress during election rallies in different parts of Assam on Monday | PTI

Priyanka, on the other hand, alleged that BJP was functioning like a mafia and running syndicates. The Congress general secretary said that the saffron party in the state has two factions and both have betrayed the people of Assam.

"In the Assam government, there is a Shakuni Mama-like leader and a Dhritarashtra. Both of them and BJP have betrayed the people of Assam. Dhritarashtra betrayed the six ethnic communities whom he had promised to get included in the Scheduled Tribes list. And Shakuni Mama runs a government that only cheats people." She did not mention who she was referring to.

"BJP has not been able to decide who will be their chief ministerial candidate. They are not able to respect their own chief minister and spell out the name. If there is no stability and unity in the party, then how will it bring stability to Assam and assure the people to give a stable government?" claimed the Congress leader.

OVER TO EC

Yechury flags EVM, money power issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury has written to the Election Commission, raising issues including functioning of EVMs along with VVPAT and the impact of electoral bonds and the role of money power in the conduct of free and fair elections. He said these concerns are serious and have arisen from the experience of "the 2019 Lok Sabha" elections.

Referring to a detailed report by a civil society organisation named Citizens Commission on Elections (CCE), Yechury expressed concern about the EVM and VVPAT system. He stated that the Indian Constitution mandates and empowers the Election Commission of India with wide powers under Article 324. However, he added that the ECI's response to the two issues raised since 2019 has been "far less than adequate".

"We feel it has become imperative to address a major vulnerability in the conduct of the elections. This arises from the introduction of VVPAT in 2013 as a response to address the doubts in the minds of voters as to whether their intended choice is indeed recorded in the counting process" he wrote.

Yechury urged ECI to ensure that a voter's choice exercised in the Ballot Unit goes into the Control Unit of the EVM, where it is recorded, and then routed to the VVPAT. He said "100% matching of VVPAT output with EVM recorded data" should be done for each booth.

Parliament passes NCT Bill despite opposition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, Bill, 2021 was passed in Lok Sabha on Monday. It gives discretionary powers to the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi even in legislative matters. While Opposition members termed it unconstitutional, Minister of State G Kishan Reddy said they were misleading the people.

"No murder of democracy is taking place. No right is being taken away from the state government or no new right is given to L-G. Only if there is a difference between the L-G and Delhi government, he can send the matter to the President. This was there earlier as well. We have removed ambiguities. If the President does not give his opinion immediately and if the L-G thinks the matter is an emergency, he can take a decision as per his wisdom," the minister claimed. According to the Bill, the "government" in Delhi means the Lieutenant Governor and it also makes it mandatory for the Delhi government to take the L-G's opinion before any executive action.

File picture of Indian security personnel patrolling the Line of Control

UAE played peace broker between India and Pakistan, claims report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE India-Pakistan joint statement reiterating their commitment to respecting the 2003 ceasefire came after peace was brokered by the UAE, a Bloomberg report has revealed.

The report, citing a February 26 readout of UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed's visit to India where he met EAM S Jaishankar, said it gave clues on what was discussed. Quoting unnamed officials, the report said reiterating the commitment to the 2003 ceasefire along the LoC was only the beginning of a "larger roadmap to forge lasting peace between the neighbours, both of which have nuclear weapons and spar regularly over a territory dispute".

Indian, Pakistani and UAE foreign ministries are yet to comment on the West Asian country's role in brokering peace. Interestingly, after US Defence Secretary Llyod Austin's recent visit to India, sources had also mentioned West Asia. "Conversation also covered changing global scenario, including Europe and West Asia," a source had said.

The Bloomberg report claimed the next step in the peace process between India and Pakistan would be reinstatement of envoys in New Delhi and Islamabad.

Pakistan has also lately adopted a changed stance with both PM Imran Khan and Army chief General Qamar Bajwa talking of dialogue.

Experts say geopolitical conditions have forced both India and Pakistan to make the joint announcement. "While India needs to concentrate on the LAC despite the disengagement, Pakistan's economic conditions are prompting them to extend an olive branch," a former diplomat said.

A UK-based research scholar echoed the views saying given its economic status, Pakistan wants to mend ties while New Delhi would like to use its military resources at the LAC.

EAM JAISHANKAR MEETS AFGHAN COUNTERPART

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Afghan counterpart Mohammad Haneef Atmar on Monday held talks with focus on the peace process in Afghanistan, and boosting cooperation in areas of security, connectivity and trade.

GOOD NEWS

AstraZeneca-Oxford Univ vax 79% effective in US trial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Covid-19 vaccine developed by AstraZeneca-Oxford University is 79 per cent effective in preventing asymptomatic infection and 100 per cent effective against severe disease, a large-scale clinical trial in the US has shown.

Produced and marketed by the Serum Institute of India under the brand name Covishield, this vaccine has been the backbone of the vaccination drive in India so far. AstraZeneca published the first data from an interim safety and efficacy analysis of over 32,000 volunteers on Monday, accruing 141 and said that vaccine efficacy was consistent across ethnicity and age.

Notably, in participants aged 65 and over, efficacy was 80 per cent. This is good news for India where all above 60 are eligible, among a few other specified groups of people, to take the shots.

In the trials, around 20 per cent of participants were 65 and over, approximately 60 per cent had co-morbidities associated with an increased risk for progression of severe Covid-19, such as diabetes, severe obesity or cardiac disease, said the company. This AstraZeneca-led US phase 3 trial included two doses administered at a four-week interval. Previous trials showed that an extended interval of up to 12 weeks demonstrated greater efficacy, which was supported by immunogenicity data.

This evidence suggests administration of the second dose with an interval longer than four weeks could further increase efficacy and accelerates the number of people who can receive their first dose. The latest trial could pave the way for the vaccine's approval in the US.

Mene Pangalos, executive vice president, biopharmaceuticals R & D at the firm, said: "These results add to the growing body of evidence that shows this vaccine is well tolerated and highly effective."

Directions of Centre apply immediately

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THE directions by the Centre apply immediately, which means all beneficiaries who have taken the first dose but are due for the second, ought to follow the new advisory.

Since the launch of the Covid-19 vaccination drive on January 16, the Covishield developed by AstraZeneca-Oxford University and manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, has been its mainstay. For, nearly 90% of the vaccine doses administered so far are of Covishield.

Based on evidence from several countries, the WHO had in early February said that the two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine should be given at a gap of 8-12 weeks. Incidentally, AstraZeneca's large-scale clinical trial in the US showed that the jab is 79% effective against asymptomatic infection and 100% against severe disease.

The Centre's advisory does not apply to Covaxin, the vaccine developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech.

GOLD SMUGGLING

The NIA on Monday filed a charge sheet against 18 people who were allegedly smuggling gold and the matter came to light with the seizure of 18.5 kg smuggled gold at the Jaipur International Airport in 2020.

1.07 LAKH POSTS LYING VACANT IN THE ARMED FORCES

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	22	Mumbai	33	24
Bhopal	35	20	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	34	20	Patna	38	20
Amritsar	23	16	Lucknow	37	18
Chennai	35	25	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	38	26	Imphal	31	15
Srinagar	08	06	Chandigarh	25	17

Locals at the encounter site in Manihal village of Shopian district in Kashmir after four terrorists holed up in the house were killed by security forces | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

4 LeT militants killed in Shopian encounter; 19 slain this year so far

Police warn against stone-pelting, say PSA will be invoked if anyone indulges in the act

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FOUR Lashkar-e-Taiba militants were killed in an encounter in south Kashmir's Shopian district on Monday. With this, a total 19 militants, including two top commanders, have been killed in nine encounters in the Valley this year, the state police said.

At least 18 youths have also joined militancy this year and five of them have been killed in encounters, said the police, and asserted that stone-pelting won't be tolerated as it is a larger issue than militancy.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar told the media that the four militants were killed in a gunfight at Manihal, Imamsahib area of Shopian. The operation was launched on Sunday evening. "We brought the wife, son and other family members of one of the militants trapped to motivate him to surrender. However, he refused and fired at the troops," the IGP said.

Kumar said the troops retaliated and all the four holed-up militants were killed. They were identified as Rayees Ahmed, Amir Mir, Raqib Malik and Aftab Ahmad Wani.

Warning the youth against indulging in stone-pelting, the IGP said, "It is a larger issue than militancy as it impacts society. We take it very seriously. It creates a negative impact and if stone pelting takes place, it impacts normal life and discourages tourists, including Amarnath pilgrims."

Anybody indulging in stone pelting will be booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA), Kumar said.

Security agencies, he said, have formulated a strategy to ensure a peaceful summer. "We have increased the *nakas* and shifted some camps. We will get additional forces after the election is over to plug the security gaps ahead of the Amarnath Yatra," the IGP said. "Besides a peaceful yatra, we want to ensure schools, colleges remain open and tourists arrive in large numbers."

Militancy stats for 2021

- 18 Kashmiri youths have joined militancy in 2021 so far
- 5 of them were killed in encounters ■ 3 have been arrested
- 10 are still active ■ Gani Khwaja, al-Badar chief, and Sajjad Afghani, Jaish commander, are among the slain militants

Ex-top cop moves SC, seeks CBI probe against Deshmukh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DAYS after being removed as the Mumbai Police chief, Param Bir Singh on Monday approached the Supreme Court demanding a CBI probe involving Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh over corruption charges.

In his writ petition, Singh has accused Deshmukh of interfering in various investigations and instructing police officers to conduct probes in a manner desired by him. The 1988 batch IPS officer has also challenged his removal as Mumbai Police commissioner and sought quashing of the transfer order, alleging it to be arbitrary and illegal. Senior counsel Mukul Rohatgi is expected to represent Singh in the court.

The plea seeks "unbiased, impartial and fair" probe into Deshmukh's "corrupt malpractices" before evidence is destroyed.

The petition states that Deshmukh held meetings in February at his residence with API Sachin Waze of Crime Intelligence Unit and ACP Sanjay Patil of Social Service Branch and assigned them a target to collect ₹100 crore every month and from various establishments and other sources.

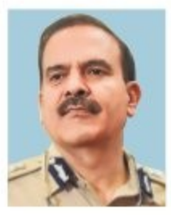
Challenging his transfer, Singh contended that he was shunted out on March 17 immediately after he brought Deshmukh's corrupt practices to the knowledge of CM Uddhav Thackeray and other leaders.

The petition states that Singh's transfer in the aforesaid circumstances "is for reasons smeared with malice" as there's no material or evidence — far from proof — found or even imputed against the him and is solely based on conjectures, surmises and pure speculation.

"The transfer of police officers before completion of their tenure at the whims of the political executive is indicative of excessive control by the political executive over the police, and has the inherent danger of making the police a tool for subverting the process of law, promoting the growth of authoritarianism and shaking the very foundation of democracy," the plea states.

Singh also sought directions from court to safeguard him from any further coercive steps in retaliation of exposing Deshmukh's "corrupt malpractices" and "abuse of power".

Singh said he was forced to write to the chief minister regarding Deshmukh's conduct after his transfer, followed by adverse media publicity by the minister, in violation of his right to reputation, dignity, equality and liberty.



Param Bir's prayer on transfer

Singh sought stay of his transfer order and direction to the state government, the Centre and the CBI to immediately take in its custody the CCTV footage from residence of Deshmukh

Ruckus in Parl on Maha issue, MP 'threatened'

NEW DELHI: THE allegations of corruption against Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh raised echoed in both Houses of Parliament on Monday. The BJP stepped up attack on the Uddhav Thackeray government and sought its resignation.

BJP MP Manoj Kotak raised the issue in the Lok Sabha during zero hour, inviting strong protests from Shiv Sena and the NCP members, who said the issue was a state subject. Later, NCP MP Supriya Sule, while taking part in a discussion on a legislative proposal, expressed anguish saying the treasury benches hijacked the 'Zero Hour' for political purposes to target the state government.

The Rajya Sabha proceedings were disrupted following uproar as the treasury benches raised the issue during the question hour. The House failed to perform any business during the first half.

Later, Amravati MP Navneet Rana wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, accusing Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant of threatening her after she raised the Sachin Waze issue in the House. Rana alleged that Sawant threatened her in the LS lobby, saying "I will see how you roam in Maharashtra,". She sought police action against the south Mumbai MP. *ENS*

GREEN ALARM

Concerns as UP, MP sign river-linking agreement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER several hurdles, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh on Monday entered into a fresh agreement for the country's first river inter-linking project to connect the Ken and Betwa rivers in the two states.

The agreement to implement the Ken-Betwa river link project signed by Union Jal Shakti Ministry and the two state governments was , however, questioned by several experts, including former environment minister Jairam Ramesh, for the devastation it will cause to Panna Tiger reserve.

The project involves transfer of water from the Ken to the Betwa river through the construction of Daudhan Dam and a canal linking the two rivers, the Lower Orr project, Kotha Barrage and Bina Complex Multipurpose Project.

The two states have been in talks over the project since 2018 but implementation was delayed due to objections over water sharing. The project involves submergence of 9,000 hectare area, of which 5800 hectare is in Panna Tiger Reserve, which has invited objections from environmentalists. The project is yet to get stage two forest clearance from Union environment ministry.

NIA charges PDP leader Para with terror funding

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a setback to former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti and her Peoples Democratic Party, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed a supplementary charge sheet against party leader **Waheed Para** and two others in connection with a terror case in which suspended Jammu and Kashmir police officer Davinder Singh was arrested last year.

According to the anti-terror agency, Para was part of the conspiracy for raising and transferring funds to Hizb-ul-Mujahideen militants.

Singh, then serving as deputy superintendent of police, was arrested by the central agency in January 2020 and was granted bail by a Delhi court on June 19 last year.

The supplementary charge sheet against Para, Shaheen Ahmad Lone and Tafazul Hussain Parimoo was filed under provisions of the IPC, the UA (P) Act, Arms Act and the Explosive Substances Act in the NIA special court in Jammu.

Last year, the terror probe agency had charge-sheeted six people, including Singh, in the same case. Investigation by the agency showed that Lone and Parimoo were part of gunrunning from across the LoC for terrorists of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and Lashkar-e- Taiba, the charge sheet stated.

Para, according to the agency, was part of a conspiracy which also raised and transferred funds to Hizbul men for procuring terrorist hardware. He was a "crucial player in sustaining political-separatist-terrorist nexus in J&K".

Para was arrested on November 25 last year on the eve of DDC polls. Mufti had called it a politically motivated move. He was granted bail by the NIA court on January 9 but was arrested again two days later by the J&K Police and still remains in custody.

7 Khalistanis charged with narco terror

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency on Monday filed a charge sheet against seven Khalistani operatives in connection with a narco-terror module involved in distributing heroin smuggled from Pakistan in order to channelise the proceeds of drugs to various terrorist entities.

Jajbir Singh Samra, Varinder Singh Chahal, Kulbir Singh, Manjit Kaur, Taranbir Singh, Kulwinderjit Singh, a Babbar Khalsa International operative, and Harmeet Singh, Pakistan-based chief of the Khalistan Liberation Force, have been named in the charge sheet filed before a special NIA court in Mohali. They have been charged with sections of the Explosive Substances Act and the UA(P) Act.

The case pertains to the seizure of two hand grenades on June 2, 2019 and a mobile phone from a bag thrown by two bike-borne assailants at a bus stop in Amritsar and recovered by police. *ENS*

SHOWCASING PROWESS

Navy personnel conduct Operational Demonstration on Hooghly river as part of Swarnim Vijay Varsh in Kolkata on Monday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Gandhi Peace Prize for Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Oman Sultan

New Delhi: The Centre on Monday named Bangladesh's 'father of the nation' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Oman's Sultan Qaboos for the Gandhi Peace Prize 2020 and 2019, respectively. This is the first time that the prizes have been awarded posthumously. The award to Bangabandhu comes ahead of Modi's visit to Bangladesh for his birth centenary celebrations on March 26-27.

Mumbai court denies bail to activist Stan Swamy in Elgar Parishad case

Mumbai: A special NIA court here on Monday rejected the bail plea of tribal rights activist Stan Swamy, arrested in the Elgar Parishad-case. Additional sessions court judge DE Kothalikar rejected the bail pleas of Swamy, 83, on merits as well as well as on the medical grounds. The NIA had opposed his bail saying it had evidence that he was actively associated with Maoist outfits.

Revoke digital media rules, Editors Guild writes to PM; seeks 'meaningful consultation'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Editors Guild of India (EGI) said on Monday it has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar and IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad to revoke the recently issued rules to regulate digital content.

The Guild, in its letter written on March 6, urged the government to hold 'meaningful consultations' with all stakeholders for a "constructive approach" in line with "constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech and expression".

"Given your public commitment towards protecting freedom of speech and expression in India, we urge your urgent intervention in revoking these rules...," the guild wrote.

"The most alarming aspect of these rules is the cumbersome three-tier structure to regulate digital media, with an 'Inter-Departmental Committee' at the top, and excessive powers being given to a government officer to block, modify and delete content. Various other provisions in these rules can place unreasonable restrictions on digital news media, and consequently media at large. These rules have been brought in without due consultation with the stake-holders and deepen the worry that freedom of press in India is being seriously compromised," said the letter.

It said a delegation of the EGI would be happy to discuss the issues with PM Modi.

In its letter to Javadekar and Prasad, the Guild attached a table containing comments on each rule affecting the digital news media. The rules were announced and notified without consulting any stakeholder, including EGI, it pointed out.

Describing the new rules as "onerous and regressive", the Guild said they would inhibit the digital news media from fulfilling its obligation as the 'Fourth Estate'.

Gondola found buried might be 200 years old

The gondola found buried on the premises of Nawabi-era Chhatar Manzil is approximately 200 years old. This came to light after a radiocarbon dating test carried out by Lucknow's Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), to assess the age of the gondola which is 42 feet long and 11 feet wide. Historians reckon it might be a property of the Nawabs. Scientists of the radiocarbon dating and isotope characterisation laboratory of BSIP conducted the tests on two samples of wood from the boat. One sample was found to be 200 years old. The scientists were not sure about the age of the other sample.

LUCKNOW DIARY

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Brothers make langoor calls to scare monkeys away

Officials of Lucknow Division of Northern Railway have hired professionals to control monkey menace at the stations. Aslam (29) and Rashid (27) are brothers based in Lucknow who manage the situation in Lucknow, Faizabad, Ayodhya and Varanasi stations. Hailing from the Kalandar community, they are paid a remuneration of `15,000 per month, along with three other persons. Disguised as train passengers, they make langoor calls, which scares the monkeys away. The brothers were roped in last month and since then, not a single case of monkey attack was reported from the railway station premises. The troops of monkeys, too, are not seen that frequently. What the guys do sometimes draws frowns from other passengers, but once they realise what's going on, they appreciate it.

Holi with Ram Lalla on site of temple

With the Ram Lalla idol moved out of the makeshift structure and regally ensconced in a bullet-proof abode made up of fibre glass on the premises with other deities, Holi will be celebrated with grandeur for the first time at Ramjanmabhoomi. Celebrations could not be held last year because the idol was still inside a tent. Celebrations this year will coincide with ongoing work on the foundation of the Ram temple. Work has picked up pace after the foundation blueprint got approval. Natural colours and special gulaal will be used in the celebrations in the court of Ram Lalla.

Vintage car rally with crucial messages

Nostalgia on wheels and automotive artistry at its best, along with ever-important messages on road safety, climate change and accessibility. All this was visible at the vintahe car rally organised by the Young Indians wing of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The rally saw 15 Jaunty Jalopies, as vintage cars are known as, along with industry persons, academia and government representatives. The aim of the event was sensitise vehicle owners about the challenges posed by the surge in private vehicles and inspire youth to better their driving behaviour.

KMC LEGAL VENTURE
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS
111, OLD BAKE HOUSE, MHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LANE, OPPOSITE MSCB BANK, FORT, MUMBAI-400 001, TEL: 022:22023263, FAX: 022:22834817

REF: KMC/ABHFL/2

To,

1. **Mr. Maheshn Parameswarappa, a individual residing at** No:169, , 1st Floor, 28th Main, 6th Cross, HSR Layout , Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102.
2. **Mrs. Dakshayini R, Indian inhabitant, a individual residing at** No:169,1st Floor, 28th Main, 6th Cross, HSR Layout , Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102.
3. **M/s Shri Giiri Travels Private Limited,** a company registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 having its office address at a individual residing at No:169, 1st Floor, 28th Main, 6th Cross, HSR Layout , Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102
4. **Shri Giri Travels,** a proprietary concern having its address at a individual residing at No: 169, 1st Floor, 28th Main , 6th Cross, HSR Layout , Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102.
5. **M/s Concept City Developers ,** a partnership firm having its office at No:4/a, 9th Main Road, Sadhasiv Nagar, Bangalore: 50 080

Sir,

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION
COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION PETITION NO (L) 3556 OF 2021

ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED ......PETITIONER

V/S

MAHESHN PARAMESWARPPA & OTHERS ......RESPONDENTS

Please note that the above Commercial Arbitration Petition has been filed against you each of you in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court.

The above matter had come up for hearing on 11.03.2021 before His Lordship Mr. Justice G.S. Patel when the Court had directed the Petitioner to serve Notice of the above Petition by way of substituted service and then to apply for fresh listing of the matter.

We therefore in compliance of the said order are serving the above Notice. We also put each of you to further Notice that the above matter will now come up for hearing at any time before His Lordship Mr. Justice G.S. Patel or any other Hon'ble Judge who may be assigned such matters when each of you may remain present if you so desire either through yourself or through an authorized representative entitled to practice in the Hon'ble High Court.

Kindly therefore treat this as a Notice of hearing.
Yours faithfully
KMC Legal Venture
Sd/- Partner
Advocates for the Petitioner

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
(Established under the Central Universities Act, 2009)
Tejaswini Hills Periye P.O.Kasaragod-671320

No. CUK/APPT/SO/2020 Dated, 16th February 2021

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No. SO-01/2021

Applications in the prescribed format are invited from the eligible candidates for filling up the following post at Central University of Kerala.

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Category	Pay Matrix Level as per 7th CPC
1	Registrar	1 (UR)	Level 14
2	Internal Audit Officer (on Deputation)	1 (UR)	Level 12

The notification containing full particulars such as essential qualifications, experience, pay, application format, fee etc. are available at the University website: www.cukerala.ac.in. The last date for submission of online application for the post of Registrar to the University website is **31.03.2021** and the last date for receipt of Hard copy of application along with all supporting documents for the post of Registrar and the last date for receipt of application along with all supporting documents for the post of Internal Audit Officer to the University office is **16.04.2021.**

DAVP 21353/11/0024/2021 **Registrar-i/c**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client Mr. B. S. Ashok S/o Sri. B. N. Srinivas, residing at 'MAULYA' 11th Cross, Soppugudde, Thirthahally -577432, has lost the following original documents:

1. Letter of Allotment dated 15-04-1986, issued by the BDA to the allottee Sri. G. M. Mohanani.
2. Possession Certificate dated 19-06-1989 issued by the BDA to Sri. G. M. Mohanani & Sri. Naresh Sachdev.
3. Khata Certificate issued by the BDA to Sri. B. S. Ashok. in respect of the property more fully described in the schedule herein below.

A complaint to this effect has been lodged with Crime Branch Bangalore City Police on 09-10-2020.

Any person happening to find the said documenst may kindly return the same to the undersigned within a week from the date of this publication.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property being the vacant residential site No.246, measuring East to West 24.38 Meters and North to South 15.24 Meters, situated at 6th Main Road, 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, J. P. Nagar, Bangalore, now included in Ward No.57- J. P. Nagar of the B.B.M.P, bearing New Municipal No.246, PID No.57-324-246 and bounded on the:

East by: Site No.253 **West by :** Road
North by: Site No.247 **South by:** Site No.245

Sd/- **B. NARENDRA BALIGA** B.A., LL.B.,
Advocate Office at No.468/21,
First Floor, 26th Main 39th Cross,
9th Block, Jayanagar Bangalore 560 069
Mobile: 98459 52566

HDFC BANK
We understand your world

HDFC Bank Ltd, Ground Floor,Rashtrothana Bhavan, Muncipal No. 3/1, Ward No 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560001.

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हम समझें आपकी दुनिया

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) ANNEXURE—VI

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice along with interest, penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **Sl. No. 1 on 20th March 2021 & Sl. No. 2 on 19th March 2021.**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **HDFC Bank Ltd,** for amount mentioned below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from the date of notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Immovable Properties
1	1) M/s Caller ID 2) Mr. Pavan P 3) Mr. T M Mahadevaprasad & 4)Mrs. Renu	08-Dec-2020	Rs. 4737798.26 + interest Penal interest +charge+ cost from 04.12.2020	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing site no 142, Assessment No 165, Laggere Village, Yeshvanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Presently No 6, 5th main Road, J C Nagar, Ward No 13- Gelayara Balaga layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West Northern Side 40 Feet, Southern Said 54 feet and North to South : 25 feet, totally measuring 1175 Sq Feet and bounded on: East by: Road,West by: Property Belongs to Mr A Rajendra, North by: Property Belongs to Mr Ramdas, South by: Property belongs to Mr. Jaganathan
2.	1) Mr. N Mahesh Kumar, Since Deceased Represented By Legal Heirs (Smt. Rekha & Smt. Lakshmi Nataraj) 2) Mr. Krishnamurthy Natraja	11-Nov-2020	Rs. 912867.39 + interest Penal interest +charge+ cost from 10.11.2020	Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No. 4, Khatha No. 1543: 5030: 3443: 3 VVS 776: 3:1543:2030, New Khatha No. 1748, VAS No. 1543:5030, Situated at Rojipura, 4th Stage, 4th Ward , Doddaballapura,measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet together with structures built thereon , Bounded on the : East by : Site No. 3, West by : Property belongs to S. Subramanyam and K. Nataraju, North by : Property belongs to P R Ramaiah, South by : Road. Schedule "B" Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No. 5, Municipal Khatha No. 2532:2532, New Khatha No. 2982/2532, Situated at Rojipura, 4th Stage, 5th Ward , Doddaballapura, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet together with strictures built thereon Bounded on the : East by : Site No. 4, Property belongs to J P Sadashivu, West by : Site No. 06 belongs to Venugopal, North by : Site belongs to P R Ramaiah and South by : Road .

Place : Bangalore, Date : 20.03.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.**

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK

(A scheduled Bank owned by Government:Sponsored by Canara Bank)
Regional Office, Bengaluru – 560072 Karnataka
R & L Section
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221, Manju mansions, 6th block, 2nd stage, 80 feet ring road,
Opp BWSSB Office, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore – 560 072

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank,** under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers/ mortgagor/guarantor to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on date mentioned below

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of due.

Sl No.1) Borrower : (1) Smt. B. R. Vanitha w/o Lingaiah (2)Sri. A. Lingaiah s/o Ajjaiah Both are R/at No.129, Bommasandra, Anekal (Tq), Banglore-560099. **Guarantor : Sri. Nagaraj K S s/o Sampangi R/at** No.86, Kammasandra, Near Jallamma Temple, Bangalore-560100.
Branch : Hennagara Possession Notice Dated: 17/03/2021, Demand Notice Dated: 29/02/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.4,15,075 /- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifteen Thousand Seventy Five only) as on 26.02.2021 and interest from **27.02.2021** .
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Property having Sy.No.283/2A5, Khatha No.282/283/2A5 measuring East to West- 44 feet North to South- 31 feet Situated at Bommasandra (v), Attibele (H), Anekal (Tq), Banglore. This Property is in the name of **Smt. B. R. Vanitha w/o Lingaiah, and Bounded on:**
East by: Government Cement Road, **West by:** Remaining Property of same Number,
North by: Property of Krishnappa, **South by :** Remaining Property of same Number.

Sl No. 2) Borrower : Sri. P Venkatesh s/o Papanna Reddy R/at Doddathouguru (V), Celebrity Main Road, Behind Papaiah Reddy Building, Electronic city (P), Bangalore-560100.
Guarantor : Sri. Prakash reddy s/o Nanjundareddy R/at Doddathouguru (V), Electronic city (P), Bangalore-560100.
Branch : Hennagara Possession Notice Dated: 17/03/2021, Demand Notice Dated: 25/02/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 3,80,234/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Four only) as on 17/02/2021 and interest from **18/02/2021.**
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property having Site No.50, New Khatha No.1559 (Old No.388), Assessment No.50 measuring East to West-30 feet North to South- 80 feet totally measuring 2400 Sq Ft situated at Doddathouguru (v), Beguru (H), Banglore South (Tq), Banglore. This Property is in the name of **Sri. P Venkatesh s/o Papanna Reddy, and Bounded on: East by:** Property of Susheelamma, **West by:** Road,
North by: Remaining portion of Sy.No.50, **South by :** Property of Muniyellappa

Sl No. 3) Borrower : Sri. R. Santhosh s/o Ramaswamy R/at No.8, 1st main, 2nd cross, Vishnuvardhana Road, Mangammanapalya, Bommanahalli post, Bangalore-560068 , **Guarantor : Sri. Deepak Suman M. S. s/o Muniyappa** R/at No.105, Thattanahalli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106.
Branch : Doddathoguru Possession Notice Dated: 17/03/2021, Demand Notice Dated: 20/11/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 27,36,574/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Four only) as on 05/03/2021 and interest from **06/03/2021.**
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property is having Site No.8, Old No.25/8, Khatha No.25 measuring E-W-30 feet N-S-40 feet totally 1200 Sq Ft situated at 1st main, 2nd cross Vishnuvardhan road Mangammanapalya, Yelakunte, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South. This Property is in the name of **Sri. R. Santhosh s/o Ramaswamy, and Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Remaining portion of same property,
North by: Road, **South by :** Remaining portion of same property.

Sl No: 4) Borrower : (1) Sri M Raghu Ramaiah s/o Munimaddurappa, 2) Master Adarsh S/o Sri M Raghu Ramaiah (Mortgagor), Minor Represented by Natural Guardian Sri M Raghu Ramaiah, 3) Master Shreyas S/o Sri M Raghu Ramaiah (Mortgagor) Minor Represented by Natural Guardian Shri M Raghu Ramaiah, 4) Master Prajwal S/o Sri M Raghu Ramaiah (Mortgagor) Minor Represented by Natural Guardian Shri M Raghu Ramaiah,
Guarantor : (1) Sri. Ravi M s/o Muni Madduruppa All are R/at No.152/1, Sree Renuka Nilaya, Gattahalli road, Huskur (V), Anekal (Tq)-560099, **(2) Sri. Prabhakar s/o Muni Madddurappa** R/at Huskur (V), Anekal (Tq)-560099
Branch : Huskur Possession Notice Dated: 17/03/2021, Demand Notice Dated: 17/03/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.5,84,490/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety only) as on 20/02/2021 and interest from **16/02/2021.**
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property is having Site No.152, Khatha no.152/152/1, measuring E-W- 30 feet N-S- 68 feet situated at Huskuru (V), Sarjapura (H), Anekal (Tq), Bangalore (D). This Property is in the name of **Sri Raghu Ramaiah s/o Munimaddurappa., and Bounded on:**
East by: Abbappa's property, **West by:** M Raghuramaiah and Ashwathappa's Property,
North by: Muniyellappa's vacant Property, **South by :** 9 feet road.

Sl NO: 5) Borrower : Sri. Yeshwanth Rao s/o Sharanappa R/at No.20, Vivekananda Nilaya, Hulimavu, Opp to BGS School, Bangalore-76, **Guarantor for APML : Sri Shashikanth s/o Revanasiddappa** R/at No.109/30, Hulimavu, Bangalore-76. **(3) Guarantor for CC-MSME : Sri Gurulingappa s/o Sharanappa** R/at No. 20, Vivekananda Nilaya, Hulimavu, Muthuraya Swamy Layout, Opp to BGS School, Bangalore-76.
Branch : Huskur Possession Notice Dated: 17/03/2021, Demand Notice Dated: 30/11/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 5,44,630/- (Rupees Five Lakh Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty only) as on 02/03/2021 and interest from **03/03/2021 for the loan a/c 42204204000116 & Rs. 5,97,126/- (Rupees Five Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Six only) as on 26/02/2021** and interest from **27/02/2021 for the loan a/c 12204130000097**.
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property is having Site No.20, Khatha No.32 , Assessment No.11/1 measuring E-W-(30+18)/2 feet N-S-41 feet situated at Devarachikkanahalli, Begur (H), Bangalore South (Tq). This Property is in the name of **Sri.Yeshwanth Rao s/o Sharanappa., and Bounded on:**
East by: Property No.21, **West by:** Property No.19, **North by:** Private Property, **South by :** Road.

Sl No: 6) Borrower : Sri. S. B. Thyagu s/o Bhupathi Naidu R/at No.21/A, 7th cross, G.R.Homes, Rayasandra, Anekal Taluk-560099, **Guarantor : Sri. V. J. Sathish Babu s/o V.R. Jyothi** R/@ No.2485, AECS Layout, Singasandra, Bangalore-560068.
Branch : Huskur Possession Notice Dated: 17/03/2021, Demand Notice Dated: 20/11/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 2,45,169/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Nine only) as on 06/03/2021 and interest from **07/03/2021 for the loan A/c 42204204000216 & Rs. 8,57,884/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four only) as on 26/02/2021** and interest from **27/02/2021 for the loan A/c 42204102000514**.
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property is having House No.21/A, Property No.21/A (PID No.150200100500320052) measuring E-W-15 feet N-S-40 feet situated at Rayasandra Grama, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. This Property is in the name of **Sri. S. B. Thyagu s/o Bhupathi Naidu, and Bounded on:**
East by: Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site no.22, **South by :** Site no.21.

Date : 22.03.2021
Place : Bengaluru

Authorised Officer, KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK,
AUTHORISED OFFICER

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BENGALURU
O.A.No.1396/2017

BETWEEN:
M/s. CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA ...Applicant

AND:
Sri. Sarath N and others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

TO,

1. Sri. Sarath N, S/o. B.C.Nagaraju, Aged about 25 years, No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076 **...Defendant No.1**

2. M/s. PRABHAVATHI INFRASTRUCTURES, A registered partnership firm, Having its office at No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076, Represented by its partner Mr.B.E.Praveen Kumar **...DEFENDANTS No.2**

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the above defendant for recovery **Rs.38,88,820/- (Rs. Thirty Eight Lakhs eighty eight thousand eight hundred twenty only)** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant No.1 and 2 is required to appear therefore hereby direct to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defense to show cause on **30/04/2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **6th day of Jan, 2021.**

By the order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Asst. Registrar,
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BENGALURU
O.A.No.256/2019

BETWEEN:
M/s. CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA ...Applicant

AND:
Mrs. Monica Singh and others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

TO,

1. M/s. PRABHAVATHI INFRASTRUCTURES, A registered partnership firm, Having its office at No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560076, Represented by its partner Mr.B.E.Praveen Kumar **..DEFENDANTS No.2**

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the above defendant for recovery **Rs.28,18,544.00 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Forty Four)** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant No.2 is required to appear therefore hereby direct to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defense as to show cause **on 22/04/2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **26th day of November, 2020.**

By the order of the Tribunal
Sd/- The Registrar,
Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

CCH - 33 HG Date:9/4/2021

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXIV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 8542/2018

SRI.NIRANJAN S.PAMADI, Aged about 39 Years, S/o Late Sri.P.R.Sampangi Rama Setty, Residing at No. 4/3, 'Shankara Krupa', Diwan N.Madhava Rao Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560 004 **...PLAINTIFF**

-V/S-

Sri. Mohan Kumar S. ...DEFENDANT

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT

To, Sri. MOHAN KUMAR.S, S/o Late Siddaiah, Major, Ground Floor of Commercial Property Bearing No. 30/17, 3rd Main, 10th Cross, P.M.Basappa Layout, Gavipuram Extn, Bangalore-560 019

Whereas the above named Plaintiff instituted a suit against you for ejectment, recovery of arrears of rent, damages and other such reliefs with respect to the Schedule Property.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on **09/04/2021 at 11:00 AM** in person or through an advocate/ pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 5th day of march 2021.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Two shops situated in Ground Floor of commercial property bearing **No. 30/17,** Ground Floor, 3rd Main, 10th Cross, P.M. Basappa Layout, Gavipuram Extn, Bangalore – 560 019 measuring 500 Square feet, and building is bounded on:

East by : P.S Nagarathnamma property, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Cross Road

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar
CITY CIVIL Court, Bangalore

S. K. Mithun Advocate
No. 24, IV Model House Street
Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 580 004

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- I
JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, No.4, RESIDENCY ROAD, AT BANGALORE.
O.A. No.1102/2019

Between :
Punjab National Bank,
Domlur Branch, Bangalore. ....Applicant.

AND

Sri.Sampath Bala ubramanyam & Anr ...Defendant.

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.67,71,861.85 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One and Eighty Five Paisa Only),** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on the **24.05.2021 at 10.30 a.m** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **17th day of March, 2021.**

By Order of The Tribunal,
Sd/-, Registrar / In Charge,
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 1.

1. Sri.Sampath Bala Subramanyam S/o Subramanyam,
No.320, MICO Layout, 7th Main,
BTM 2nd Stage,
Bangalore - 560076.
Mobile No.: 9966208802
2. Smt. Anupama Neelam, D/o Sayanna,
No.320, 7th Main, MICO Layout,
BTM Layout 2nd Stage,
Bangalore - 560076.
Ph.: 080-26685795

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- I
JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, No.4, RESIDENCY ROAD, AT BANGALORE.
O.A. No.1103/2019

Between :
Punjab National Bank,
Domlur Branch, Bangalore. ....Applicant.

AND

Sri Saravana Kumar Challur & Anr ...Defendant.

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.50,60,330.52 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty and Fifty Two Paisa Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on the date of **24.05.2021 at 10.30 a.m** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **17th day of March, 2021.**

By Order of The Tribunal,
Sd/-, Registrar/ In Charge,
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 1.

1. Shri Saravana Kumar Challur,
S/o.Srinivasamurthy
No.1226, Ground Floor, 11th Cross,
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Bangalore - 560 102
Mobile : 8496035667
2. Shri K Somasekhar Reddy
S/o. K Jaya Chandra Reddy,
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Behind Bata Showroom,
Kaikondanahalli, Sarjapura Main Road,
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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRABHU K**, resident of No-5, 6th Cross, S R Nagara, Bangalore-560030, have changed my name as **" PRABHU "**, vide affidavit dated 20.03.2021 before notary S.Subashini, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABDUL ZAKIR**, R/o No. 15/16, Near Kareem Darbar Hotel, 3rd Cross, 10th Main, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560068, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ABDUL ZAKIR** to **MOHAMMED ZAKIR**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED ZAKIR** only, vide affidavit dated 15-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. MURALIDHARAN** at Banglaore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) JAYASHRI,** residing at Vill:Chopadewadi, Post:Bhilawadi, Teh:Palus, Dist:Sangli, State: Maharashtra, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) JAYASHRI** to **(NEW NAME) MANE JAYASHRI BAJARANG** vide affidavit Dated 13/03/2021 sworn before Notary H.Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. Sweekar** aged about 25years, (DOB 26.12.1995) S/o Late Shanta Murthy, R/at No.304/1 1st Floor 21st Cross 3rdMain Near Ranadheera kanteerva park, 6th Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560082 have changed my name from **SWEEKAR** to **SWEEKAR BENGALURU** vide affidavit dated 8.8.2017 sworn before Advocate & Notary Mr. B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **R. KARTHIK**, S/o N.N. Rajendiran, aged about 30 years, R/a No. 159, 6th Main, 2nd Cross, Kodihalli, Bangalore-560008, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **R. KARTHIK** to **KARRTHIK RAJENDIRAN KALPANA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KARRTHIK RAJENDIRAN KALPANA** only, vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. NARENDRAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SABANOORIN MULLA,** D/o. Bashir Dastagir Mulla, residing at Bagban Galli, Pattankudi, Belagavi-591238, Now Camp at Bangalore, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SABANOORIN MULLA** to **(NEW NAME) SABANOORIN BASHIR MULLA** vide affidavit Dated 19/03/2021 sworn before Notary V.Srinivasa Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHIVALINGA**, aged about 52 years, R/a No. 341, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Manjunath Nagar, W.O.C Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, Karnataka, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **HARSHITHA KRUTHI .S** and **HARSHITHA KRUTI .S** are one and the same and belongs to my daughter only, henceforth she shall be known and called as **HARSHITHA KRUTHI .S** only, vide affidavit dated 08-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. MAHESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEEPAK SAI KUMAR**, aged about 31 years, S/o Sale .T.E, R/a Flat # 101, Shyam Sarovar, 118, Central Excise Layout, Dodda Kamanahalli, Bengaluru-560083, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DEEPAK SAI KUMAR** to **DIIPAKK IYENGAR**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **DIIPAKK IYENGAR** only, vide affidavit dated 20-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAJITHA SUMESH,** Spouse of No. JC-312413P NB/SUB Sumesh.M, residing at Manammal House, Azhakam, Kodakara (Post), Thrissur (Dist) Kerala (State) PIN:680684, have changed my name from **SAJITHA SUMESH** to **SAJITHA SIVAN.U** vide affidavit Dated 20/03/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHAITRA .B.S**, W/o Ganesh .H, aged about 28 years, presently R/a NO. 62/22, 10th Main, Ganesha Block, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHAITRA .B.S** to **CHAITRA GANESH**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHAITRA GANESH** only, vide affidavit dated 20-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. VEENA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Ranjeetha Rameshabhai Chopra W/o Prince Golecha, R/at Flat No. B-905, Brigade Gateway Apartments, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560055, hereby declare to change my name as **RANJEETHA PRINCE GOLECHA** after Marriage Registration as per affidavit sworn to before MAHESHA .J.J, Notary, Bangalore on 05.12.2020.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VARUN SINGH THAKUR R U,** S/o Mr.R. Upendra Singh and R/o : No. 533, EWS 707 CHS, 4th Phase, Near Durgamba Temple, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064 have changed my name from **VARUN SINGH THAKUR R U** to **VARUN SINGH U** vide Affidavit dated 20/03/2021 before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED**, S/o Sadiq Baig, R/o No. 26/8, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Mangammanapalya, Behind Masjid-E-Ayesha, Opp. Om Shakthi Maremma Temple Street, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMMED** to **MOHAMMED BAIG**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED BAIG** only, vide affidavit dated 22-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASH .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRASANNA G. B,** aged about 29 years, S/o Sri. Basavegowda, R/at No.355-2, Dairy Beedi, Gurudevarahalli, Chikkarasinakere, Maddur Mandya, Karnataka - 571422 have changed my name from **BOREGOWDA G.B** to **PRASANNA G. B,** vide affidavit dated 22.3.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R. Ravikumar., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PAVITRA A. CHAMACHI alias CHAMACHI PAVITRA ASHOK,** W/o Mr. Umesh K Kulkarni, R/o : No. 792, 5th Phase, Near SLK Company, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore -560064 have changed my name from **PAVITRA A. CHAMACHI alias CHAMACHI PAVITRA ASHOK** to **PAVITRA U. KULKARNI** vide Affidavit dated 20-03-2021 before Notary Public G.P.CHAYA, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Sri PRABHURAJ BASAVARAJ KAMBALYAL** S/o Basavaraj Veerabhadrappa kambalyal, aged about 48 years, R/a No. 108, Sai Sumukha Smiley Green Apartment, Opp. Baldwin School, Dwaraka Nagar, Rajarajeshwari School, Bangalore-98, do hereby declare that my son's correct name is **AARNAV PRABHURAJ KAMBALYAL** but in his Passport his name is mentioned as **AARNAV KAMBALYAL** instead of **AARNAV PRABHURAJ KAMBALYAL**, vide affidavit dated 21-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N.K. LAKSHMANA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHA NAGARAJ**, Resident at No. 46, Asha Nilaya, 4th Cross, CV Raman Nagar Post, S G Palya, Opp. Ashwini Apt., Bangalore - 560 093, Karnataka, have changed my name from **ASHA NAGARAJA** to **ASHA NAGARAJ** vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.N. Ramadevi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) HARI KRISHNA.S,** residing at No. 1706, D Block, ETA Gardens, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HARI KRISHNA.S** to **(NEW NAME) S.H.KRISHNA** vide affidavit Dated 22/03/2021 sworn before Notary Mahesha.J.J., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JNANASINDHU .K.R**, S/o Radhakrishna K G, aged about 36 years, R/a No. 1/1, 2nd Cross, Vidyaranya Nagar, Tollgate, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JNANASINDHU .K.R** to **GNANU .K.R**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **GNANU .K.R** only, vide affidavit dated 20-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KARISHMA PATWA**, Resident at Tower 110302, Shriram Chirping Wood, 12th Main, Shubhendave off Haralur Road, Bangalore - 560 102, have changed my name from **KARISHMA RAJPAL** to **KARISHMA PATWA** vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.N. Ramadevi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PERIYASAMI ARUMUGAM,** S/o. Arumugam, aged about 65 Years, resident of No. 430/1, K.C.Mallappa Reddy Layout, 5th Main, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095, Karnataka, India, Shall henceforth be known as **PERIASAMY ARUMUGAM** vide affidavit Dated 20/03/2021 before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAVANYA,** D/o Sri Palani & Late Smt. Nagarathna, aged about 21 years, R/o No. 286, 10th Cross, Vinobha Nagar, Venkateshapuram, Bengaluru-560045, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LAVANYA** to **AYESHA SIDDIQA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **AYESHA SIDDIQA** only, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASH .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANANYA HOLIYACHI**, W/o. Sandeep K. Holiyachi, Residing at New No. 219, Sumukha Opal Apartments, 15th Main, 17th 'C' Cross, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore - 560078, Karnataka, have changed my name from **ANANYA VEERANNA** to **ANANYA HOLIYACHI** vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Radhamma, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, NOORULLAH and **AYESHA BANU,** residing at No. 5, 1st Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Mysore Road, Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalore -560026, have changed our Minor Son's name from **SYED MUNIRULLAH** to **SYED OWIAZ** vide affidavit Dated 18/03/2021 sworn before Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LUVISA .K**, W/o Narayana Murthy, R/a #101, 5th Cross, ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Bengaluru-560005, declare that mother name in school records pertaining to my daughter SANCHITHA .N has been erroneously spelt **LUVIZA .K** instead of correct spelling as **LUVISA .K**, vide affidavit dated 20-03-2021, sworn before Notary **K. VENKATESHAN**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAMBIT KUMAR GHOSAL, aged about 40 years, R/o # A-402, Block-A, SMR Vinay Galaxy, Hoodi Circle, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560048, have changed my son's name from **SOUHARDYO** to **"SOUHARDYO GHOSAL"**, vide affidavit dated 19/03/2021 sworn to before Notary T. C. Thimmaraja, at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Dhruv L Jain** S/o Lalit Kumar, aged about 19 years, R/at No.24, Subrahmanya Swamy Temple Street, VV Puram, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-04. I state that, my actual name **Dhruv L Jain,** same has been mentioned in Aadhar card and SSLC Marks card, but in pass port my name has been entered as **Dhruv Lalith Kumar Jain** instead of **Dhruv L Jain.** Hereby declare that, **"Dhruv L Jain"** and **"Dhruv Lalith Kumar Jain"** both the names are one and the same and belongs to me only, Vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary Uday Kariyappa. B.G, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHETLY STEPHEN,** spouse of service No. 632695A, Rank: EX-JWO, Name: **STEPHEN KURAVANEYTH SARAMMA,** R/o #285, Jakkur Telecom Layout, Bengaluru-560064, have changed my name from **SHETLY STEPHEN** to **SHERLY STEPHEP,** vide affidavit dated 22-03-2021, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAJU, Spouse of PREM CHANDRA, resident of Family Room No. 1, SNCOS Mess, Air Force Camp Gagan Vihar, Wind Tunnel Road, Bangalore-560017, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **MAJU** to **MANJU SHARMA** vide affidavit dated 17 Mar 2021 before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

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Beijing	3	-6	SNY	Los Angeles	13	3	SNY
Colombo	31	22	TDS	Melbourne	22	14	LC
Dhaka	25	13	SNY	Moscow	-18	-19	LC
Dubai	24	16	SNY	New York	5	0	LC
Houston	23	13	LC	Singapore	30	24	LC
Istanbul	2	-4	LC	Toronto	1	-2	LC
London	5	0	SNY	Washington	6	2	LC

US, EU slap sanctions on Myanmar officials

Toll in Sunday's crackdown rises to nine with eight more deaths in Mandalay; hundreds attend pre-dawn protests

YANGON

THE European Union and the United States slapped sanctions on Monday on top police and military commanders linked to the February 1 coup in Myanmar. The EU placed junta chief Min Aung Hlaing on an assets freeze and visa ban blacklist over coup and crackdown on demonstrators, the bloc's official journal said.

"Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing has been directly involved in and responsible for decision making concerning state functions and is therefore responsible for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Myanmar," the listing said.

It said that the army chief was "directly responsible" for a brutal crackdown by the authorities in the wake of the February 1 seizure of power.

The 27-nation bloc also added nine other senior military officers and the head of Myanmar's election commission to the list. The listings–approved by foreign ministers at a meeting in Brussels on Monday—represent the EU's first punitive measures over the coup.

European diplomats have said businesses tied to the military will likely be placed under sanctions in the coming weeks. Anti-coup protesters marched against the military junta at a pre-dawn rally in Mandalay Myanmar's second largest city on Monday. Reports emerged on Monday that as many as eight people were killed Sunday a brutal crackdown in Mandalay. On Monday, scores of people including teachers marched through the streets of Mandalay, some carrying placards calling for UN intervention in the crisis.

There were also early morning protests in parts of Yangon, the commercial capital.

One man was also killed during daytime clashes with security forces in the central city of Monywa on Sunday.

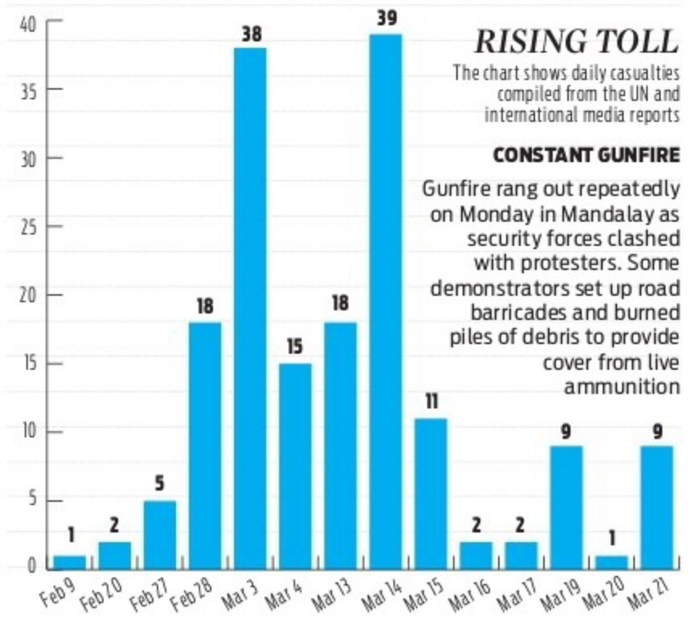
A man runs past a road barricade and burning debris in Mandalay, Myanmar on Monday. The city saw eight deaths on Sunday | AP

Sanctions on China too

The European Union on Monday imposed sanctions against four Chinese officials over the crackdown on the Uighurs, sparking an immediate tit-for-tat response against Europeans from Beijing. Foreign ministers meeting in Brussels also took aim at Myanmar's junta over its coup, as they expanded bloc's measures targeting global rights breaches.

The highly symbolic move against Beijing is the first time Brussels has targeted China over human rights abuses since it imposed an arms embargo in 1989 after the Tiananmen Square crackdown.

In response, China announced sanctions on 10 Europeans including politicians and scholars, as well as four entities. "This move, based on nothing but lies and disinformation, disregards and distorts facts," said China's foreign ministry, adding that it was a gross interference in its internal affairs.



The number of murders has reached an unbearable level, and that is why we will not be able to avoid imposing sanctions

Heiko Maas, German foreign minister

One BBC journalist freed, many more still in custody

The BBC said on Monday that a journalist from its Burmese-language service was released by authorities in Myanmar but gave no details, as protesters in the Southeast Asian nation continued their broad civil disobedience movement against last month's military coup. The journalist, Aung Thura, was detained on March 19 by men who appeared to be plainclothes security agents while reporting outside a court in the capital of Naypyitaw. A second journalist detained at the same time, Than Htike Aung from the local outlet Mizzima, was still in custody. Arrests of media workers have been part of the junta's intensifying efforts to choke off information about resistance to the February 1 coup. Some 40 journalists have been arrested since the coup, half of whom are still in detention including Thein Zaw of The Associated Press according to a monitoring group

Saudis dangle ceasefire deal to Yemen's Houthis

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia announced a plan on Monday to offer Yemen's Houthi rebels a cease-fire in and allow a major airport to reopen in its capital, the kingdom's latest attempt to halt fighting that has sparked the world's worst humanitarian crisis in the Arab world's poorest nation.

The move by Saudi Arabia comes after Yemen's Houthi rebels stepped up a campaign of drone and missile attacks targeting the kingdom's oil sites, briefly shaking global energy prices amid the coronavirus pandemic.

It also comes as Riyadh tries to rehabilitate its image with the US under President Joe Biden. Saudi Arabia has waged a war that saw it internationally criticized for airstrikes killing civilians and embargoes exacerbating hunger in a nation on the brink of famine.

Whether such a plan will take hold remains another question. A unilaterally declared Saudi cease-fire collapsed last year. Fighting rages around the crucial city of Marib and the Saudi-led coalition launched airstrikes as recently as Sunday targeting Yemen's capital, Sanaa.

A United Nations mission said another suspected airstrike hit a food-production company in the port city of Hodeida.

"It is up to the Houthis now," Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan told journalists in a televised news conference in Riyadh. "The Houthis must decide whether to put their interests first or Iran's interests first."

Rebels dismiss the offer

Soon afterwards, Houthi rebels dismissed the offer as "nothing new" and insisted an air and sea blockade be lifted first, after the kingdom made a series of proposals to end the war.

"Saudi Arabia must declare an end to the aggression and lift the blockade completely, but putting forward ideas that have been discussed for over a year is nothing new," said Houthi spokesman Mohammed Abdulsalam.

Riyadh led a military coalition into Yemen in 2015 to prop up the government, but it has struggled to oust the highly motivated rebels.

The coalition enforced a naval and air blockade to prevent the smuggling of weapons weapons to the rebels from Iran—allegations Tehran denies.

Tens of thousands of people, mostly civilians have been killed so far. *Agencies*

Don's social media site coming in 2-3 months: Aide

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump plans to return to social media soon, using "his own platform" after being banned from Twitter and other outlets, a former advisor said Sunday.

"I do think that we're going to see president Trump returning to social media in probably about two or three months," Jason Miller told Fox News. "It's going to completely redefine the game, and everybody is going to be waiting and watching to see what exactly president Trump does, but it will be his own platform," said Miller, who held senior posts in both of Trump's presidential campaigns.

Trump's provocative use of social media was a defining feature of his presidency, as he drew 88 million followers to Twitter and often used tweets to slam his critics or to announce personnel changes or significant policy shifts.

Since leaving Washington and returning to his Mar-a-Lago resort home in Florida, the former president has kept a relatively low profile, largely relegated to issuing occasional news releases.

But Miller said Trump had been hard at work.

"There's been a lot of high-power meetings he's been having at Mar-a-Lago with some teams of folks who've been coming in," Miller said. "There have been numerous companies." *AFP*

Trump culpable in Jan riots: Ex-prosecutor

Washington: Former president Donald Trump could be culpable for his role in the January 6 US Capitol riot, an ex-top prosecutor who previously led the criminal investigation into the incident said. Michael Sherwin said it was "unequivocal" that the former president was "the magnet that brought the people to DC on the 6th" before his supporters stormed the Capitol building. "We have plenty of people we have soccer moms from Ohio that were arrested saying "Well, I did this because my president said I had to take back our house," Sherwin told CBS News in an interview aired on Sunday.

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

More restrictions as cases continue to rise

Pakistan on Monday decided to increase restrictions on various activities that were contributing to the continuous rise of coronavirus cases in the country. The decision was taken during the meeting of the National Command and Control Centre (NCOC), the main national body set up to control the pandemic. Minister for Planning Asad Umar said the decision to tighten the restriction was taken in the wake of the rise in the new cases which is not coming down despite efforts." In the NCOC meeting this morning we decided to increase curbs of activities contributing to a sharp rise in Covid positivity. The provincial & ICT administration were also directed to crackdown on violations which are taking place," he said in a tweet.

SINGAPORE

12 new virus cases, all of them imported, says govt

Singapore on Monday detected 12 new Covid cases, its ministry of health confirmed. The total number of cases stands at 60,208. All cases are imported and there have been no local cases for the past 10 days, the ministry said. "Amongst the new cases today, 10 are asymptomatic, and were detected from our proactive screening and surveillance, while two were symptomatic," said the ministry. Singapore's recovery rate stands at 99%. It has no case of Covid patients in ICUs

NEPAL

Ruling party demands clarification from rebels

Nepal's ruling CPN-UML, led by Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, has sought clarification from its four senior leaders, including dissident Madhav Kumar Nepal, for their involvement in anti-party activities, intensifying the factional rift in the party. According to sources in the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist Leninist), the party has sought clarification from Nepal, former prime minister and leader of the party's rival faction, senior leaders Bhim Rawal, Surendra Pandey and Ghanshyam Bhusal in accordance with the decision taken by the party's central committee meeting on Saturday. The party's central committee meeting decided to seek clarification from the four senior leaders for speaking publicly against the party

ELEVENTH-HOUR CANVASSING

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu addresses supporters in Jerusalem a day before Israel votes in general election | AFP

An area in Windsor, northwest of Sydney, flooded by Sunday's heavy rains | AP

35 towns isolated by Australia flood, more rain to come

CANBERRA

HUNDREDS of people have been rescued from floodwaters that have isolated dozens of towns in Australia's most populous state New South Wales and forced thousands to evacuate their homes as record rain continues to inundate the country's east coast.

Around 18,000 people had been evacuated from flooding in New South Wales by Monday and emergency services feared up to 54,000 people could be displaced with rain forecast to continue until Wednesday.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison told Parliament that 35 communities in northern New South Wales had been isolated and emergency services had conducted more than 700 flood rescues.

"We are grateful at this point that no lives have been lost so far," Morrison said. "But weakened foundations for buildings, for roads and trees, they all create risk, as do downed power lines and rising water levels."

A year ago, vast swathes of New South Wales had been charred by unprecedented wildfires following years of drought that gripped most of the state. Some of the same areas were now being by inundated by one-in-50-year and one-in-100-year rain events.

New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian said up to 38 parts of the state had been declared natural disaster areas.

"I don't know any time in our state's history where we have had these extreme weather conditions in such quick succession in the middle of a pandemic," Berejiklian told reporters. "So, they are challenging times for New South Wales."

Thousands of people have been affected with 40 flood warnings and 20 evacuation orders along the state's Mid North Coast, and in western Sydney. Houses had been submerged and destroyed while several communities had lost power.

Heavy rain will remain a serious risk on Tuesday for the Mid North Coast, where communities are facing the worst flooding conditions since 1929.

Communities along the Hawkesbury River were also bracing for the worst flooding in the area since 1961. *AP*

Ikea on trial over spying on staff with detectives

VERSAILLES

THE French branch of Swedish retailing giant Ikea went on trial on Monday accused of running an elaborate system to spy on staff and job applicants using private detectives and police officers.

Ikea France is being prosecuted as a corporate entity along with several of its former executives in Versailles, southwest of Paris.

Journalists uncovered the surveillance scheme in 2012 and magistrates began investigating after the Force Ouvriere (FO) union lodged a legal complaint.

Prosecutors say Ikea France collected details on hundreds of existing and prospective staff, including confidential information about criminal records, as part of a "spying system".

The firm sometimes targeted union members and their representatives, prosecutors allege.

"This trial must set an example," said Adel Amara, a former FO union rep at an Ikea store.

Ikea France, which employs 10,000 people, faces a fine of up to 3.75 million euros ($4.5 million).

Emmanuel Daoud, a lawyer for Ikea France, rejected the spying accusations, but acknowledged that the case had revealed "organisational weaknesses". He said the company had since implemented an action plan, including a complete revamp of hiring procedures. "Whatever the court rules, the company has already been punished," he said. *AFP*

Fire guts hundreds of shelters in Rohingya camp in B'desh

DHAKA

A devastating fire raced through a sprawling Rohingya refugee camp in southern Bangladesh on Monday, destroying hundreds of shelters and leaving thousands homeless, officials said.

The fire at Balukhali camp in Cox's Bazar district broke out in the late afternoon and spread quickly through at least four blocks, said Mohammad Shamsud Douza, additional commissioner of the government's Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commission. He said at least four units of firefighters were struggling to control the blaze due to its rapid spread.

Louise Donovan, a spokeswoman for the UN refugee agency, said in an email that fire services, rescue and response teams and volunteers were at the scene.

"So far the fire has affected shelters, health centers, distribution points and other facilities. Volunteers are supporting those affected," she said.

No casualties were immediately reported, but deaths and injuries were feared. No details on the missing could be confirmed. Two Rohingya refugees told The Associated Press at the scene that the fire had spread very quickly and continued to rage into the night Monday.

Several videos posted on social media showed clouds of smoke billowing from the camp. Bangladesh has sheltered more than a million Rohingya Muslims, the vast majority having fled Myanmar in 2017 in a major crackdown by Myanmar's military.

Bangladesh has hosted the refugees in crowded refugee camps and is eager to begin sending them back to Buddhist-majority Myanmar. *AP*

Refugees watch helplessly as fire ravages their camp in Balukhali on Monday | AP

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
86.95 ▼	Sensex	49,771.29	₹8.1 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,485	₹1,002 ▼	Per kg	₹65,817	▲ Dollar		72.37
7.60 ▼	Nifty	14,736.4	₹8 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,467	₹1 ▼	Per gm	₹65.8	▲ Euro		86.42

Future gets a breather from order restraining deal with Reliance

Interim stay on the earlier judgement to remain in effect until the next hearing in the case

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a fresh twist in the Amazon-Future Retail legal battle, the Delhi High Court on Monday has 'stayed' an earlier order passed by a single judge bench. The earlier order had upheld the award of an emergency arbitrator in favour of Amazon and directed that Future Retail Limited (FRL) be restrained from going ahead with its ₹24,713 crore deal with Reliance Retail.

"In the light of the fact that the Supreme Court has allowed the NCLT proceedings can go on, Justice Midha could not have passed any orders directing the appellants to write to statutory authorities to recall the approvals already granted and bring the NCLT proceedings to a halt," argued senior advocate Harish Salve, who appeared for the Mumbai-based retailer, on the single bench order which had also imposed a penalty of ₹20 lakh on Future Group and its promoters including Kishore Biyani. The current stay will operate until the next hearing, which has been fixed for April 30, 2021.

Additionally, the order directed Future Retail and related parties to approach all the competent authorities, including Sebi and NCLT, for the recall of orders passed on their applications in violation of the interim order dated October 25, 2020, within two weeks. The matter is also listed in the Supreme Court and is scheduled for hearing on April 27.

The six-month long tussle that has been fiercely fought over in different courts, meanwhile, has prolonged the wait for troubled Future group's lenders-it owes close to ₹16,000 crore to a handful of banks and debt mutual funds. Future group founder Kishore Biyani owes an additional ₹11,000 crore to many lenders. If the deal fails, Future may face liquidation and banks are actively discussing an alternate one-time restructuring option. Banks have time until the end of June 2021 to implement the resolution plan.

Amazon's bid to void the Future Group's asset sale to Reliance jeopardizes not only recovery of loans but also indicates that the US firm is ready to turn on the pressure on Mukesh Ambani's Reliance group. The latter is trying to grab a slice of the online market after emerging as India's biggest offline retailer.

FINMIN TABLES KEY DFI BILL IN LOK SABHA

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FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday tabled a Bill to set up a dedicated development finance institution (DFI) to provide cash to India's infrastructure sector. According to the bill, the institution will be based in Mumbai and will give financial aid to infra projects in India, partly in India, and partly outside country. The Union Cabinet has already given its go-ahead. "Its aim is to address market failures that stem from the long-term, low margin and risky nature of infrastructure financing. The Institution shall be wholly owned by the Central Government to begin with in order to foster confidence on its stability and sustainability and to raise resources at competitive rates," the Bill laid out. The government will provide the institution with grants and contributions, guarantees at concessional rates for foreign borrowings, and any other concessions. "Dilution or sale of stake may be considered once the institution has achieved stability and scale in its business operations, but the government would at all times hold 26 per cent of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the Institution," the Bill stated. As announced earlier, the government will infuse ₹20,000-crore initial equity over two years. The Bill also provides that the central government may support the institution through grants or contributions in the form of cash or marketable Government securities.

The introduced Bill also provides for the protection of action taken in good faith by the institution or its staff. No agency will conduct any enquiry into any offence alleged to have been committed without the previous approval of the competent authority.

Insurance Amendment Bill to hike FDI to 74% goes through Parliament

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha on Monday passed the Insurance Amendment Bill, which seeks to hike the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit from 49 per cent to 74 per cent, with Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman saying that the measure was necessary to allow the insurance companies to access growth capital.

The Bill has already been passed by the Rajya Sabha. Sitharaman, speaking in the Parliament, pointed out that there is significant stress in the insurance sector, with three out of the seven public sector insurers below the solvency margin. Many of the insurance companies are hard pressed to maintain solvency ratio of 150 per cent as per the norms, she said. Solvency margin is the ratio of assets to liabilities.

The minister also pointed out that the government will provide funds to public sector insurance companies but private players will have to raise capital on their own. The Bill provides them headroom to raise capital, she said.

"If growth capital is hard to come by, there will be a stress situation. In order that the stress situation is not left unattended, we need to raise the FDI limit," Sitharaman pointed out, adding that the pandemic has worsened the woes of insurance companies.

"There is definitely a financial stress for raising money, especially for private sector insurance companies, which needs to maintain that solvency ratio," she said.

The minister also observed that the FDI limit was being raised on the recommendation ofsector regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India after extensive consultations.FDI will not only bring in capital, but will also bring in greater competition, efficiency, better technology and enhance job opportunity, she said.

RBI panel set up to examine applications for banks, SFBs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a five-member Standing External Advisory Committee for the purpose of evaluating applications for Universal Banks as well as Small Finance Banks.

The panel will be headed by former RBI Deputy Governor Shyamala Gopinath and the other members are: Revathy Iyer, Director, Central Board, Reserve Bank of India; B Mahapatra, former executive director, RBI and presently chairman of National Payments Corporation of India; TN Manoharan, former chairman, Canara Bank; and Hemant G Contractor, former MD, State Bank of India and former chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.

The tenure of this SEAC will be for three years.

In November 2020, the RBI made public a working group report that recommended that well-run large non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), with an asset size of ₹50,000 crore and above, including those which are owned by a corporate house, should be considered for conversion into banks. Stocks of NBFCs such as Shriram Transport, Edelweiss, Cholamandalam and M&M Financial Services all went up in the hope that some, if not all of them, could transform themselves into banks sooner or later.

'Turn large, well-run NBFCs into banks'

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In 2016, RBI changed its policy on universal bank licences, making them available 'on tap' instead of during specific periods, as the practice earlier was. But, if the last four years are anything to go by, that hope may not translate into reality as just one NBFC—UAE Exchange and Finance Services, now known as Unimoni—has since applied for such a licence.

Analysts at Emkay Global Financial Services had then said in a note that the latest recommendations of the RBI working group have nothing new for NBFCs, except that those companies backed by large corporate houses will be eligible for a bank licence. "On-tap universal banking licence is anyhow available to most NBFCs and other players for the past few years; however, none have opted for going down the banking route so far," it added.

In fact, former Reserve Bank Governor Raghuram Rajan and ex-Deputy Governor Viral Acharya criticised the proposal of recommending entry of business houses into the banking sector citing it could lead to "connected lending" which is "invariably disastrous" and would further "exacerbate the concentration of economic (and political) power in certain business houses".

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹3,402

Target Price ₹ 4,530

DIVIS

Divi's Labs reported in-line 3QFY21 earnings. This was led by healthy traction in Generics / Custom Synthesis (CS), coupled with lower raw material cost, driven by process improvements. We remain positive on DIVI on the back of strong demand prospects and multiple growth levers such as new product additions; strong chemistry skill sets; efficient manufacturing capabilities; scale-led advantage in legacy molecules, among others.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Business activity in India dips as second Covid wave impacts mobility: Nomura

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BUSINESS activity in India has declined as the second wave of the pandemic, which is spreading beyond Maharashtra, has started to impact mobility levels, according to Nomura. The Nomura India Business Resumption Index (NIBRI) dipped to 95.1 for the week ended March 21, from 95.4 in the prior week, the Japanese brokerage said on Monday.

"The pandemic's second wave is now spreading to states outside Maharashtra and is starting to impact mobility. This second wave is likely to result in a short-term growth bump to what is otherwise an uptrend," it said. As of mid-March, Google workplace and retail and recreation mobility fell by 3.7 percentage points on a week-on-week basis and 0.3 percentage points, respectively, while the more updated Apple driving index fell by 2.6 percentage points.

However, power demand improved by 2.6 per cent week-on-week after a 0.6 per cent decline the prior week, while the labour participation rate inched up to 40.6 per cent from 39.5 per cent. The knock-on effect of the second wave on mobility suggests a likely sequential dip in contact-based services and a near-term delay of normalisation.

However, the brokerage said, it expects the impact to be "more transitory and muted" (than in Q2 2020), as factory operations remain uninterrupted; consumers and businesses have adapted to the new normal with the latter overhauling their supply and sales chains to become more resilient.

Besides, medium-term tailwinds like vaccinations, global growth, and continued easy financial conditions will support real GDP growth of 13.5 per cent in FY22, up from a contraction of 7.4 per cent in FY21, Nomura said.

Retail fuel prices still high due to state VAT

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THE surge in excise collections, accompanied by a lower, but still significant increase in state VAT, are the primary reason why retail fuel prices have remained stubbornly high even though Brent crude prices have gone from $114 per barrel in June 2014 to $64 per barrel currently.

While prices have swung between as high as $90 and as low as $16 during this period, they have averaged around $50-60 per barrel.

But the majority of the gains from this decline has been siphoned off to the exchequer.

DIVESTMENT

Multiple EoIs for defence manufacturer BEML Ltd

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government has received multiple Expressions of Interest for the divestment of public sector defence equipment manufacturer BEML Ltd.

"Multiple Expressions of Interest (have been) received for the privatisation of BEML. The transaction will now move to the second stage," the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said in a statement on Monday, when the deadline for submitting EoIs ended.

According to sources, there are 12 companies which have sent their EoIs. Earlier, companies such as Tata Motors Ltd, Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd, Ashok Leyland Ltd, and Bharat Forge had expressed their interest in buying a 26 per cent stake in BEML.

The government, which owns 54 per cent in BEML, invited EoIs for a stake sale, along with the transfer of management control, on January 4. DIPAM had initially set March 1 as the deadline for submission, but later extended it to March 22. SBI Capital Markets Ltd is advising the government on the sale process and will intimate the shortlisted bidders with details of the next stage by the end of this month.

Despite protests, the Centre is aggressively pushing its divestment agenda. It missed its target of ₹2.1 lakh crore this fiscal due to Covid, but has set a target of achieving ₹1.75 lakh crore from disinvestment receipts in the next fiscal year.

Maruti Suzuki cars to become more expensive

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MARUTI Suzuki (MSIL) cars are all set to become pricier next month since the carmaker has decided to pass on rising input costs to consumers. While the exact quantum of of the hike is not known yet, sources say it will vary for different models.

"Over the past year, the cost of the company's vehicles has been impacted adversely due to an increase in various input costs. Hence, it has become imperative for the company to pass on some impact of the above additional cost to customers through a price increase in April, 2021. This price increase shall vary for different models," MSIL said in a regulatory filing.

MSIL sells a range of models from entry-level hatchback to the S-CROSS utility vehicle, priced between ₹2.99 lakh and ₹12.39 (ex-showroom prices Delhi).

This will be the second time in three months that MSIL, which controls more than 50 per cent of India's passenger vehicle market, has decided to go for a price hike. Earlier in January this year, Maruti had cited similar reasons to increase prices by up to ₹34,000 on a few models.

According to sources, more automakers are expected to increase prices from next month since raw material prices have surged substantially in the last six months. Steel prices alone have gone up by 55 per cent between June and December 2020.

The repeated hikes, almost always in the range of 2-4 per cent of the vehicle's ex-showroom price, will impact consumer sentiment—especially at a time when fuel prices are already at a record high.

GoAir leadership changes as Wadia quits MD post

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WADIA-family owned GoAir is heading into a key management change after Jeh Wadia resigned from the post of managing director after serving in the role for three years. However, he will continue to be the promoter of the company.

Aviation veteran Ben Baldanza, who has been a director in the company since 2019, has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of the GoAir board.

"With the goal of taking GoAir to its next phase of growth, the promoters of the company and its Board came together to formulate a long-term plan. Amongst other initiatives, a key element of this plan, forged over weeks of discussions and consultation, was to further strengthen the management of the company by bringing on-board proven industry professionals, a strategy that has worked well for the group in its other ventures including Britannia," it said.

The change comes at a time when GoAir is going through a financial crisis. Hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic, auditors and travel agents had previously raised concerns on GoAir's ability to remain a going concern. According to regulatory filings, GoAir had a negative net worth of ₹1,500.98 crore during FY20, and its current liabilities exceeded its current assets by ₹3,333.53 crore.

Baldanza has previously worked in airlines such as American Airlines, Northwest Airlines, and Continental Airlines, before becoming the CEO of Spirit Airlines in 2006.

TOUGH MISSION

55-fold growth in renewables needed to reach net-zero emissions by 2050

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE share of renewables in electricity generation must increase a whopping 55-fold if India is to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, according to a report from the Council on Energy, Environment and Wate (CEEW) released on Monday.

According to the council, India will need to generate at least 83 per cent of its electricity from (non-hydro power) renewable energy sources by 2050 if it is to reach the goal—a massive 55-fold increase in the use of non-hydro renewables in electricity generation within the coming three decades. This figure had stood at only 160 Terawatt-hour (TWh) (10 per cent) in 2019.

Further, the share of electricity in India's industrial energy use needs to rise rise three-fold, from 20.3 per cent in 2018 to 70 per cent in 2050, CEEW noted.

The share of electric vehicles in car sales will also have to rise to 76 per cent by 2050 from just 0.1 per cent in 2019.

CEEW said that these estimates are based on its best understanding of progress on mitigation technologies.

To meet net-zero, India will need to either eliminate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions or balance these by sequestering GHG emissions.

Tje report also highlighted that India will need to reach peak emissions within this decade if it were to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, which if achieved, would be a pace of transition unlike anything the world has seen before. This will give India an extremely narrow window to ensure a smooth and equitable transition.

Advanced economies, including China, Japan, the UK, and the US, will have taken at least 30, and at times well over 40 years for the transition being discussed in the report. Advanced economies also peaked emissions at much higher levels of development.

We find that India would need to undergo a double transition, through faster electrification of sectors and an increasing share of renewables in power generation —Vaibhav Chaturvedi, Fellow, CEEW

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with Mrs. S. Indira, W/o Mr. S. Srinivasa Reddy, aged about 45 years, residing at Flat No.408, #71, CMR's SMR Vinay Serene, Robertson Road Cross, Frazer Town, Bengaluru - 560 005, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that Mrs. S. Indira is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and she has acquired the Schedule Property under the Sale Deed dated 7th May 2012, registered as Document No.HLS-1-00343/2012-13, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Ulsoor, Bangalore. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mrs. S. Indira's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.42, Katha No.169, situated at Horamavu Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 20 feet and North to South: 40 Feet, totally measuring 800 Sq. Feet, together with AC sheet house total measures 400 Sq. Feet and the entire property being bounded on:

East by : Remaining portion of Site No.42, West by : Site No.41, North by : Ankanna Garden and South by : Road.

M/s. B.M. Associates,
Advocates & consultants,
No. 7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex, 100 feet Road, Indiranagar I Stage, Bangalore-560 038

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that the undersigned has cancelled the registered General Power of Attorney dated 30-03-2016 executed in favour of M/s Vindhya Builders & Developers, a registered partnership business concern, having its office at No.1, M.N. Complex, Site No. 347, I Floor, Opp. Brigade Millennium, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, represented by partners, pursuant to the Joint Development Agreement dated 30.03.2016 executed between M/s K.T.K.Group and aforesaid M/s Vindhya Builders and Developers in respect of development of property bearing No. Old Site Nos. 35 to 41, Old House List Katha No. 347/1B/12, 13, 15, situated at Bilekahalli Gramtana, Hamlet of Nainappasetty Palya, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, having new Municipal No. 20, PID No. 65-112-20, New PID No. 176-W0051-125, presently known as 19th Cross, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West (65' 3" + 52')/2 and North to South (101' 9" + 97')/2, totally measuring 5814 Sft., and bounded on the - **East by :** Road; **West By :** Private Property, **North by :** Private property; and **South by :** Road. Any transaction undertaken by any person with the said M/s Vindhya Builders & Developers pursuant to the aforesaid Joint Development Agreement and the registered General Power of Attorney will be doing so at their own risk and cost.

M/s. KTK GROUP, No.52, 7th Main, MICO Layout, II Stage, Bengaluru-560 076.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr. KIRAN** S/o. Krishnappa, aged about 22 years, R/at. No. 69, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Manjushree Layout, Varanasi, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36 & **Mr. N. PAVAN** S/o. Narayanaswamy, aged about 23 years, R/at 5th B Cross, 6th Main, 1st Block, T.C. Palya Main Road, Bangalore-16 are intending to purchase the Schedule property for valuable consideration from its owner **Sri VARADARAJAN .V,** S/o. Sri. P.V. Venkatesan, aged about 55 years, R/at. No. 12, 3rd Cross, A Street, Jaibharatinagar, Bangalore- 33, Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are here by requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my clients shall get executed sale deed in their favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 31, H.L. No. 262, (579), Present BBMP Khata No. 4206, formed out of Property No. 579, Situated at Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring on the Eastern side 56 feet on the Western side 66 feet and Northern side 54 feet, Southern side 56 feet, in all measuring 3355 Sq feet. The schedule property consists of 2 Sq sheet Roofed House, with all basic amenities. Bounded on **East:** Road, **West:** Private Property, **North:** PWD Road, **South:** Property No. 30 (579).

Manjunath Reddy,
Smt. T.Shobha Reddy, Advocates
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph: 9845520830, 7353233778, 9880870706

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public/interested persons are hereby informed that my client Smt. K. B. Kowsthubhamani, W/o Sainath K., (Mob: No:7022388473) No. 356/2, 5th Cross, Saibaba Temple Road, Cauvery Layout, Hebbala, Kempapura, Bangalore-24, intends to purchase the property described in the schedule from its owner Smt. N. V. Padmaja, W/o Dr. S. Satish, R/at No.346, 14th Main, Saraswathipuram, Mysore-570009.

If any Person/s having any right/Claim over the Schedule Property may lodge their objections or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within seven days from the date of this publication. Objections or claims received thereafter will not be entertained and not binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE

Vacant Site No.19, formed out of Sy. No. 30/1, (converted vide No. BDIS.ALN.SR(N)66/92-93, dated 10.08.92) of Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, and totally measuring 2400 square feet and bounded on the East by: Site No.20, West by: Site No.18, North by : 40 Feet Road, and South by: Private Property.

K. SHASHIDHAR PARLATHAYA,
Advocate
#149, Diagonal Road, Near NMH, Minerva Circle, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-4. M: 9880111370. Date: 22-03-2021

LOST

I, C.N.Annayappa, S/o Narayanappa.C, R/at No.11, 15th Main, 16th Cross, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore, hereby declare that **I have Lost the Original Site Documents while travelling from Kurubarahalli to Kempegowda Bus Station of Site No.17, Survey No.37, Present No. 37 & 38/1, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore-86 & Driving Licence, Money.** If anyone finds please inform to this Mobile No: 9164712135.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notified to the Public that my client Sri. Shanthakumar son of Late Gopalappa, Resident of Mahadeva kodigehalli Dakle, Yadiyur Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru-562149, proposes to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule here to from (1) Sri V. Muniyappa son of Late Venkatappa, Resident of Maha-devakodigehalli Dakle, Yadiyur Village, Jala Hobli, Bagalur Post, Yelahanka Taluk-562149 and others, who are the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment the same, having acquired the same through the Final Decree dated 16.06.2012, passed in O.S.486/2009 on the file of the Court of Fast Track Judge, Devanahalli.

Any person having any right, interest, lean or charge whatsoever on the Schedule Property may lodge his/her/their claim or objections if any with the undersigned along with the supporting documents, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, It shall be construed that Schedule Property is free from all Encumbrances claims or demands whatsoever and my client shall purchase the same and thereafter no claim or objections whatsoever shall be entertained by my client.

SCHEDULE

Total 3 acre 36 Guntas of land in new Survey No. 231/1 and 231/2 (i.e., 22 Guntas in New Survey No. 231/1 and 3 acre 14 Guntas in New Survey No. 231/2) which is part of Old Survey No. 231 which was totally measuring 5 acres, situated at Mahadevakodigehalli Dakle, Chikkajala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on: East by: land allotted to the share of Sri M. Shivakumara Sri Revannna, Smt. Nagarathnamma, Sri M.N. Ramesh, Sri M. Muralidhar, Smt. M. Manjula, and Sri M. Mohan Kumar. West by: Land of Bhovi Venkatappa, North by: Baghaluru-Budhigere Road, South by: Land of Anthonamma.

Sd/- **S. VENUGOPALA,** Advocate
No. 39/2, 5th Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, Opp. SBI, Mysuru Bank Circle, K.G. Road, Begaluru-560009.
Mobile No. 9845867724

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **Smt. NANDHINA K.R.** W/o. Late Keshavamurthy S. and **Sri SRIHARSHA K.,** S/o. Late Keshava murthy S. If any person/financial institution, have any right title or interest in the property in what so ever manner should lodge the same with the undersigned with **legal documentary proof within 7 (SEVEN) DAYS from the date of this Publication**. In case no such claims are received within the stipulated period my client shall proceed with the registration of the Sale Deed from the owners.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of **Site bearing No. 2133, @ 4th Block, 6th stage, Banashankari, Bangalore** in the layout formed by B.D.A. measuring **East to West 6.00 Mts. and North to South 9.00 Mts., total 54.00 Sq. Mts.,** bounded on the
East by : Site No. 2132,
West by : Site No. 2134,
North by : Site No. 2195,
and South by : Road

RAMANAND ACHAR, B.A. LL.B.,
ROHIT R. ACHAR, B.A. LL.B.,
ADVOCATES, 'Ashirwad'
No. 21/A, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stg, Banashankari, Bangalore-560 085.
Mob. : 9845070756
Bangalore Date : 23-3-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the immoveable property described in the SCHEDULE hereunder from its owner, **Mr. T.K. MARULA SIDDAPPA,** aged about 72 years, son of late Kalledevaru, residing at No. 290 (Ground Floor), 1st Main, SFS-407, YelahankaNew Town, Bengaluru - 560 064, for a lawful and valid consideration.

Any person / Bank / Society / Firm / Company / Institutions / Trust / Government Authorities / Organizations / Board or any other body, having any legally enforceable claims, right, title, interest, ownership on the below mentioned Schedule property, may lodge their objections, claims in writing with the supporting documents with the undersigned within **7 (SEVEN) days** from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of residential site No. 20, BBMP Form B Serial / katha No. 2095, Form-B Property Register Extract No. 854/31/1G/20, New Katha No. 636/854/20, situated at 8th 'A' Main Road, Attur Village (Attur Layout), Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064, BBMP Ward No. 03 (Attur ward), Bengaluru, measuring East to West:(46+53)/2 feet and North to South:(83.5+99)/2 feet, in all measuring 4517 Square Feet, and bounded on the:-

East by : Private Property;
West by : Road;
North by : Site No.21;
South by : Yelahanka - Yeshwanthapura Main Road;

G.S. Srinivas, AJS Advocates
8, II Main, 9th Cross, Indiranagar I Stage, Bengaluru-560 038.
Mob. : 9845163155 / 9845311196
Date: 20/03/2021

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I BENGALURU

No.4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building Residency Road, Bangalore - 560025

DRC NO: 351/2020 FORM NO.14 (See Regulation 33(2))

CANARA BANK
SME Peenya Branch,
D-473, 13th Cross, 4th Phase,
Rotary Udyog Bhavan,
Peenya Industrial Area,
Bengaluru-560058.
...Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s Max Oven Tech India Pvt. Ltd & Others ...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To

1. **M/s. Max Oven Tech India Pvt. Ltd.,** No.1-D, 2nd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru-560058. Rep by its Directors, Sri. V.Pradeep Kumar, Sri.T.Anil Kumar.
2. **Sri.V.Pradeep Kumar** S/o Mr.M.Vasudevan Director, M/s Max Oven Tech India Pvt. Ltd., No.49, Kudajadri Lakeside View, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560015.
3. **Sri. T.Anil Kumar** S/o Mr. V.K.T.Nair Director, M/s Max Oven Tech India Pvt. Ltd., R/at No. 206,1st Floor, Global Aura, S.M.Road, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560015.
4. **Smt. M.T.Usha Kumari** W/o Sri. V.Predeep Kumar, Director, M/s Max Oven Tech India Pvt. Ltd., R/at No. 206,1st Floor, Global Aura, S.M.Road, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560015.

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 394/2019** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on**16.06.2020** for an amount of **Rs.2,14,63,130/-** (Rupees Two Crore Fourteen lakh Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filling of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay: a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings. b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect, of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **19th day of August 2020.**

Sd/-
(Rajasekharan.R)
Recovery Officer-1, DRT-1, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any Interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

IN THE COURT OF THE SUBORDINATE JUDGE, GUDIYATHAM, VELLORE DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

OS No 17 / 2007

Mani and others ...Plaintiffs
Vs
Babu Alias Ravikumar and others ...Defendants

D5 : Balaji, S/o. Reddiyappa Reddiyar, aged about 25 years, Door No. 90, Hangachandra Main Road, Sri Raman Nagar, Vaiveiyabalaiya, Bangalore - 560 068.

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

Whereas the above plaintiffs has field the above partition suit against you and other Defendants before the Honourable court. Whereas the service of summons/notice could not be effected in the ordinary manner to the you. Whereas substituted service has been ordered by this Honourable court and hence this notice through paper publication.

You are therefore directed the appear before the Honourable court in person or through a duly instructed Advocate **on 22.04.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** If you fail to appear before the court the above case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Advocates for Plaintiffs :
K.C. JAGADESWARAN B.Sc. LL.B.,
V. ANBAZHAGAN, M.Com., B.L.,
Advocates
Gudiyatham, Vellore District.

CAUTION NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that I Smt. Dakshayeni Ganesh, wife of late Dr. O. Ganesh and daughter of late Sri. A. C. Nanjunde Gowda, aged about 74 years, resident of No. 2003, Wickford Court, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan - 48304, USA appointed my brother Sri A. N. Chandra Mohan son of late Sri A. C. Nanjunde Gowda, aged about 70 years, who is also known as Aralaguppe Nanjundegowda Chandra Mohan, resident of Crescent Court Apartments No. 8, 2nd Floor, Crescent Road, High Grounds, Bengaluru 560 001 as my limited Power of Attorney under a limited Power of Attorney dated 11th day of August 2020 executed by me at Michigan, USA to deal with my Premises No. 39 (10) New BBMP No.10 (Old No.39), New PID No. 99-34-10, situate at 5th Cross, Rajmahal Extension, Bengaluru 560 006. The said "Limited Power of Attorney" dated 11th August 2020 has been Revoked/cancelled by me on 10th February 2021 before the Notary Public Mr. Michelle L Clark, State of Michigan, County of Oakland, USA.

I further cautioned the General Public if limited power of attorney does any transaction or deals whatsoever manner by misusing/undertaken by the limited power of attorney holder namely Sri. A. N. Chandra Mohan subsequent to News Paper Publication are deemed to be Null & Void and I am not responsible for such transaction or transactions to act on my behalf and cautioned that anybody dealing or dealt any such act/s prior to this notice with the above said limited power of attorney holder shall be at his/her/their own cost, risk and consequences.

DAKSHAYENI GANESH
Bengaluru Dated: 22-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

[LOST OF DOCUMENTS]

The general public are hereby noticed that, I, SMT. JAYAMMA W/o Late R. Lakshman, residing at No.43, House List No.988, Sy.No.72/1, New CMC Katha No.640, Venkateshwara Nilaya, 1st Cross, Church Road, A. Narayanapura, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru-16, I am the absolute owner of the aforesaid property, measuring 30' x 45' feet and I have lost the following documents:

1. Sale Deed vide Doc.No. 4448/1970 of Book-I, Volume 793, Pages 245-247 dtd.15.01.1970 executed by M. Lous and V. Chandrashekar in favour of K.S. Mani.
2. Sale Deed vide Doc.No.4535/1977-78 of Book-I, Volume 1284, Pages 25-28 dtd.09.01.1978 executed by K.S.Mani in favour of K. Muniyappa.
3. Notary G.P.A. executed by K. Muniyappa in favour of K.A. Prabhakar Rao.
4. Confirmation Deed vide Doc. No.7881/2000-01, Vol. 1795 pages 69-71 dtd.16.11.2000 executed by M. Sriramu in favour of R. Lakshman.
5. Discharge Deed vide Doc.No. KRI-1-03080/2005-06 CD No. KRID 136 dtd.29.4.2005 executed by Karnataka State Kaigarika Sahakara Bank Niyamitha in favour of R. Lakshman.

I have lost all the aforesaid original documents while I was travelling in BMTC Bus from Tin Factory to City Market on 15.03.2021. But, inspite of my best efforts, I could not trace out the same. In this regard, I have lodged the Complaint before the Mahadevapura P.S. on 16.03.2021 and obtained the Lost Report vide No.074348/2021, and it is requested to the General Public that, if the same are found they may be handed over to the address given below or to the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, it is made clear that if the above mentioned original documents are used for any wrongful and illegal purpose, I would not be liable for the same.

SMT. JAYAMMA, W/o Late R. Lakshman, r/at No.43, House List No.988, Sy.No.72/1, New CMC Katha No.640, Venkateshwara Nilaya, 1st Cross, Church Road, A.Narayanapura, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru-16.
Mob : 9343711913, 9845141147, 9036689358
BENGALURU, DATE: 22.03.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to general public that, my client Smt. C. Krishnaveni, W/o Chandrashekar Naidu, aged about 50 years, R/at No.68, Rajamma Garden, Jaraganahalli, 6th Phase, J.P. Nagara, Bangalore - 560078 has agreed to purchase the immovable property which is described in the schedule hereunder from its owner Smt. Nirmala, W/o late Munishamaiah, aged about 48 years, R/at No.229/1, Hosabeedi, Yelahanka Old Town, Bangalore-560064 is the absolute owner of the schedule property and other than herself no other person has any right, title, interest or charge over the schedule property any persons having any claim, right, title and interest or any objection by any banks, finance institutions, company in whatsoever manner may lodge his/her their objection with relevant documentary proof to the under signed within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which it will be presumed that no other persons has got any claim, right, title and interest or charge over the schedule property and my client will proceed to complete the sale transactions without being any liable for any future claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing site No.95/93, Khatha No.1360/95/93 issued by the Chikka Jala Village Panchayath, situated at Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West: 40 ft. and North to South : 30 ft. totally measuring 1200 sq.ft, bounded on;

East by : Halla, West by : Road, North by : Vacant Space, South by : Subbarathnamma's Property.

Getha .S, Advocate
Justice Law Chamber
No.14, SRR Building, 3rd Floor, 9th Cross, Cubbonpete, Bangalore-560002.
Mob: 8747033487

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr. G. HEMACHANDRA,** aged about 38 years, S/o Late Gopal, & **Mrs. CHANDANA.H,** W/o Mr. G. Hemachandra, Aged about 36 years, both are R/at. #169, 2nd Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Horamavu Post, Bangalore-560043 are intending to purchase the Schedule property for valuable consideration from its owner **Mr. M.A RADHAKRISHNA,** S/o. M. Ashwthaiah setty, aged about 66 years, R/at No. 69, Ground Floor, Meena Soukiya Apartment, Govindapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore560004. Any persons having any rights /claims /objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are here by requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my clients shall get executed sale deed in their favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 5M-675/A, (formed out of Survey No. 37/1, of Banasawadi Village) Situated at O.M.B.R Layout, Banaswadi Dhakle, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, PID No. 88-255-5M-6751A, Bangalore, in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority Bangalore, Measuring East to West 15.0 meters, and North to South (16.0+16.20)/2 meters totally measuring 241.50 Sq. meters. Bounded on, **East:** Site No. 5M-675, **West:** Site No. 5M-673, **North:** Site No. 4CM-676, **South:** 5M Road.

Manjunath Reddy,
Smt. T.Shobha Reddy, Advocates
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph: 9845520830, 7353233778, 9844046418

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that my clients intend to purchase a property from Shri. C.S Prasanna Kumar, Smt Shantha K Prasad. Smt. C.S Vijayalakshmi, Shri. C.S Kishore Kumar and Smt G. S Geetha the Legal Representatives of G.S. Padmamma being the site bearing No. 1725/A, situated at II Stage Rajajinagar, 1st F Main Road, D Block, Prakash Nagar (Ward), Bangalore 560010, totally measuring 1025 Sq Feet Measuring East to West 41' Feet, North to South 25' Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface along with house built on it with Ground plus two floors with total built up area of 2046 Sq feet Bounded on : **East by:** Road, **West by**: Site No. 1731/B & 1731/C, **North by:** Site No. 1725 and **South by:** Site No. 1725/A1.

That any person/s claiming or asserting any kind of right, interest, title or claim/s, charge/s in respect of the above mentioned property in any manner whatsoever or has any rights/ claims or objection to such sale thereof in favour of my clients is called upon to notify the undersigned within 15 days from the date of issuance of this Public notice along with the documentary proof of the same. That if such written objection/claim/s or charge/s with documentary proofs. If no such objections lodged with undersigned with stipulated period mentioned above it will be construed that the Schedule property is free from any claims and encumbrances and my clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule property without being liable for any claim/s or charge/s put forth thereafter.

Mrs. Nandita Haldipur, Advocate
No. 17, Shamag Apartment, Flat No. 102, Ground Floor, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 055.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXI CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, AT BENGALURU

Criminal Miscellaneous No. 1296/2021

BETWEEN : Ms. Lahari Chinnappa, D/o Late Chinnappa K Kambeyanda, Aged about 44 years, Residing at Municipal No. 14, Harris Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560 046. **...PETITIONER**

AND:

The Commissioner Registrar of Birth & Death, Bruhath Bengaluru, Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru. **...RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioner named above has filed a Petition to this Court under Section 13(3) of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 praying that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to direct the Respondent authority to register that the Petitioner's father, Mr. Late Chinnappa K. Kambeyanda, S/o Late Kushalappa Kambeyanda died on 03/01/2000 at his place of residence, i.e. No. 21, Harris Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560 046, and accordingly issue the Death Certificate in the above case, to serve the interest of justice and equity.

Interested parties or anyone who may have objections to the said Petition are hereby called to appear in this Court in Person or by pleader, duly instructed, **on 08/04/2021 at 11.00 AM** to file such objections or to show cause against the aforesaid Petition filed by the Petitioners else, the present Petition will be adjudicated on its merits.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble court this 19th day of March 2021.

By order of the Court, Shirastedar, XXI ACMM Court

B.M Associates, Advocate
No. 7/1, G.J Complex, 100 Feet Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 038.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Jayakumar S, Mrs. Irene S, Mrs.Uttariya Meri A, **(Prospect No. 847503)**	**17-March-2021 Rs. 2,07,801/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Seven Thousand Eight Hundred One Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : 72, 72, admeasuring 576 sq. ft., Khata No. 126/91, Baburayakoppalu Village, Minajiboranakoppalu, Kiranguru Dakhale, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist, Mandya, 571807, Karnataka, India
Mr. Venkata Reddy N, Mrs. Latha B T, Venkata Reddy **(Prospect No. 849070)**	**17-March-2021 Rs. 79,60,466/-** (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Residential property bearing vacant Site No. 31, measuring E-W: 30'-0" (Thirty) ft, N-S: 60'-0" (Sixty) ft, totally 1800 sq. ft., Municipal Assessment No. 960/1665131, Khata No-48/960/1665/31, Venkatala Division, Yelahanka City Municipal , Bangalore, 560064, Karnataka, India

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office :IIFL HFL "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025/or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana. **Place: Bangalore Date: 23.03.2021** **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd**

DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

National Office: HDIL Towers, 6 th Floor, Station Road, A.K. Marg, Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400 051.
Regional Office : 13, Old No.5, 1 st Main Road, Near Kodava Samaja Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore – 560052. Ph: 08046219600 Chetan :9008999611

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E-Auction Sale Notice-Subsequent Sale

Pursuant to possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act)** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis',** Particulars of which are given below:

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount In(₹)	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP) In(₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) In(₹)	Total Loan Outstanding (As on 28-02-2021) In(₹)
(Loan Code No. 00000254 CHANDAPURA Branch **VIKAS KUMAR KEDIA** (Borrower) **Mrs.Priyanka Kedia** (Co Borrower)	14-Mar-18 for Rs. 33,77,337.00/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing, Flat No. A 104, Richmond Pride, Survey No. 81, Kyalasanahalli Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore,Kamataka - 562106. and bounded on the East by – Lawn View,West by – Passage, North by – Flat No A-103, South by –Passage.SBA-1066 Sq ft Undivided share-386.	**Rs. 33,60,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lac Sixty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 3,36,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Only)**	Rs. 48,29,579/- (Rupees Forty Eighty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand and Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Only)

Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction are as under:

1.E-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", and "WHATEVER IS THERE IS BASIS"** and will be conducted "Online". Bidders may go through the website of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Provider, NexXen Solutions Private Limited (NexXen) i.e. **https://DisposalHub.com/DHFL** for bid documents, the details of the secured asset put up for e-Auction and the Bid Form which will be submitted online;

2.All the intending purchasers/bidders are required to register their name in the Web Portal mentioned above as **https://DisposalHub.com**and generate their User ID and Password in free of cost of their own to participate in the e-Auction on the date and time aforesaid;

3.For any enquiry, information, support, procedure, Inspection of the Property and online training on e-Auction, the prospective bidders may contact the **Client Service Delivery (CSD) Department** of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Partner **M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited,** through **csd@disposalhub.com** **Tel. No.: 0124 4 233 933, Mobile No.: +91 98100 29926&E-mail ID: csd@disposalhub.com;**

4.To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance in the properties. However, the intending bidders may inspect the property and its documents from **11:00 AM to 04:00 PM** on **18-03-2021-12-04-2021**, or any other date & time with prior appointment and they should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, title of properties put on e-Auction and claims/right/dues/affecting the property prior to submitting their bid.The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to DHFL. The Authorised officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues;

5.For participating in the e-Auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit/upload in the Web Portal (https://DisposalHub.com/DHFL) the details of payment of interest-free refundable Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the secured asset as mentioned above by way of Demand Draft in favour of **'Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited'** or "DHFL" along with self-attested copies of the PAN Card, Aadhaar Card, Residence Address Proof, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof on or before **10.00 AM** of **12th April, 2021;** .

6.Date of E-Auction for the Property/ies is/are conductedon 12-04-2021 at the web portal (https://DisposalHub.com/DHFL) from 2:00 PM to03:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 Minutes on each bid.

7.The successful bidder shall have to deposit Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the Bid Amount (less EMD) immediately on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be, without fail and EMD shall be adjusted towards twenty five percent (25%) of the bid amount immediately, on the sale being knocked down in his favour. In case of default in deposit of twenty five percent (25%) of the bid amount as stated above, the EMD will be forfeited and the property shall forthwith be soldagain..

8.The successful bidder shall deposit the balance seventy five percent (75%) of the bid amount within 15 days of the sale or such extended period as agreed upon in writing by the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor at his discretion. In case of any default in depositing the amount within the stipulated period, the deposit will be forfeited as per sub Rule (5) of Rule (9) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser will forfeit all his/her claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.

9.At any stage of the e-Auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or postpone the e-Auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice. In case any bid is rejected, Authorised Officer can negotiate with any of the rendered or intending bidders or other parties for sale of property by Private Treaty;

10.The Successful Purchaser/ Bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law;

11.The Borrower(s)/Mortgager(s)/Guarantor(s), who are given **15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 (as per the revised guidelines in the Gazette of India notification dated 03/11/2016)**from the date of this notice failing which the Secured Asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. If the borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/ mortgager(s) pays the amount due to the Secured Creditor, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

12.The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, as amended from time to time;

13.No person other than the intending bidder/ offerers themselves, or their duly authorized representative shall be allowed to participate in the e-Auction/sale proceedings. Such Authorization Letter is required to submit along with the Bid Documents;

14.Please note that failure of Internet connectivity (due to any reason whatsoever it may be) shall be sole responsibility of bidders and neither DHFL nor NexXen shall be responsible for these unforeseen circumstances. However, it is requested to the Bidder(s) not to wait till the last moment to quote/improve his/ her Bid to avoid any such complex situations.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 18-03-2021
Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BENGALURU

NO.4, SECOND FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA-560025

DRC NO: 310/2020 FORM NO.14 (See Regulation 33(2))

Canara Bank SME Branch, D-473, 13th Cross, 4th Phase, Rotary Udyog Bhavan, Peenya Indusrial Estate, Bengaluru - 560 058. **...Certificate Holder**

Versus

M/s. Max Industries & Others
...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To,

1) M/s. Max Industries No.8, 10th Cross, Andrahally Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 091. Represented By Its Partners Mr. T. Anilkumar and Mrs. Usha Pradeep **2) Sri. T. Anil Kumar** S/o. Mr. V.K.T. Nair, Partner M/s Max Industries, R/a : 206, 1st Floor, Global Aura, S.M. Road, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru - 560 015. **3) Smt. M.T. Usha Kumari** W/o. Sri. V. Pradeep Kumar Partner M/s. Max Industries, R/a: 32-33, Kudajadri Lake Side Avenue, Shetty halli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560 015. **4) Sri. V. Pradeep Kumar** S/o. Mr. M. Vasudevan, No.49, Kudajadri Lakeside View, jalahalli West, Bengaluru - 560 015.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.406/2019** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **01/06/2020** for an amount of **Rs.26,96,511/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

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In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay: a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings. b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **18th day of August 2020.**

SD/- (DEEPAINDUVANI. S)
RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL — I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

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On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	17211303 12/04/2021	Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection System for Stand-Alone LHB AC Chair Car	493 Set	20,00,000/-
2.	12211112 12/04/2021	Retention Tank for LHB Coaches (without Flushing Arrangement)	264 Nos.	10,37,080/-
		Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing Arrangement	317 Nos.	
		Retention Tank (LH) without Flushing Arrangement	112 Nos.	
		Retention Tank for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (without Flushing Arrangement)	143 Nos.	
		Retention Tank for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (40 Seater)	34 Nos.	
3.	17211280 16/04/2021	Set of AL Pillar Assembly for LHB AC 2T EOG Coaches	93 Set	65,810/-
4.	14211049 15/04/2021	Water Based Sound Deadening Paint for LHB Coaches	322 Nos.	12,45,990/-
5.	01211060 / 16/04/2021	Air Spring 160 KN	414 Sets	10,66,460/-
6.	01211069 16/04/2021	Air Spring Control Equipment (02 Type)	595 Sets 650 Sets	20,00,000/-
7.	01211031 / 16/04/2021	Bogie Bolster	147 Nos.	2,96,280/-
8.	05211167 / 12/04/2021	Cross Member	5580 Nos.	2,10,360/-
9.	05211199 12/04/2021	Horizontal Members (06 Types)	8990 Nos.	85,180/-
10.	05211110 12/04/2021	Set of Carline for LHB GS Coach	44 Set	77,620/-
11.	05211144 / 15/04/2021	Set of Door Cut Out (3 Types)	560 Set.	5,91,970/-
12.	05211192 / 16/04/2021	Brake Disc for Wheel Set	5070 Nos.	20,00,000/-
13.	05211208 09/04/2021	Set of Channel Assembly for AC 3 Tier LHB Coaches	479 Set.	81,480/-
14.	02211045 19/04/2021	Ten types of Thin Walled Flex Elast Cable in 4 SQMM & 6 SQMM	159000 Mtrs.	1,55,540/-
15.	02211123 14/04/2021	Four Types of Thin Walled Flex Elast Cable in 50 SQMM & 70 SQMM	8650 Mtrs.	1,01,100/-
16.	02211127 / 30/04/2021	Six Types of Multicore Cables	74700 Mtrs.	4,43,110/-
17.	04211024 15/04/2021	Seamless Steel Pipe of two types	3539 Nos.	2,15,000/-
18.	02211118 / 16/04/2021	Wheel Set Earthing Equipment	2087 Sets	11,19,870/-
19.	02211135 19/04/2021	4.5 KW underslung type Constant Voltage Regulated cum Emergency Battery Charger for LHB Coaches	1016 Nos.	20,00,000/-
20.	02211136 13/04/2021	9 KVA 750 V/415V/190V, 3-Phase, Star-Star-Star, Dry Type, Air Cooled Power Distribution Transformer for LHB Type Coaches	673 Sets	12,00,740/-
21.	02211137 14/04/2021	LED Light Fitting for Berth Reading Light (Upper Berth) for LHB coaches	2770 Nos.	4,02,600/-
22.	02211080 / 12/04/2021	Harness (04 types)	265 Sets	20,00,000/-
23.	02211084 / 15/04/2021	Harness (04 types)	586 Sets	20,00,000/-
24.	07211022 12/04/2021	Supply & Installation of Air Brake Pipe & Pipe Fittings with Double Ferrule for LHB Coaches	50 Sets	2,00,000/-
25.	07211074 12/04/2021	Mushroom Head Fastening Device (Dual Lock)	244600 Kg	5,45,510/-
26.	07211200 26/04/2021	Set of High Tensile Hardwares for Flat Bogies	230 Sets	53,850/-
27.	05211140 13/04/2021	WTCC for DSLRD Coach	226 Nos.	49,450/-
28.	07201323 19/04/2021	Copper Coated Welding Wire 1.2 mm	15000 Kg	NIL

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.** 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 4 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 5 to 28 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

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CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against Tender mentioned below:-
1. Tender No. **17211112** due on 26.03.2021 for **procurement of Seats for LHB Non AC and 2nd AC Chair Car Coaches** quantity to be read as **81 Sets** & **14 Sets** instead of 49 Sets & 8 Sets respectively. 2. Tender No. **117211155** due on 30.03.2021 for **Fixing arrgt. of Almirah for LHB AC-3T EOG Coaches** quantity to be read as 388 Nos. instead of 175 Nos. & EMD to be read as **Rs.3,93,100/-** instead of Rs.1,77,300/-. 3. Tender No. **17211066** due on 26.03.2021 **for procurement of Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection System for Stand-Alone LHB AC Sleeper Coaches is hereby dropped. All other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.** **PCMM**

T. No.: G-122-01/Stores/133/2020-21 **Dated: 22.03.2021**

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Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (For Immovable Property)

A/c. No. HTL 38223593074, SVR/4163/HL/7589

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **08.01.2021** U/s 13(2) of the said Act; calling upon the Borrower **1) Mr. Konudula Sravankumar Reddy** S/o Somi Reddy Konudula & **2) Mrs. Divya Akula** W/o Mr. K Sravankumar Reddy, a. Both At: Flat No. 719, 7th Floor, B Block, Tower 5, Sai Poorna Premier, Parappana Agrahara Main road, Near Kudlu Govt School, Kudlu, Bangalore 560 068. b. Both also at: AR Residency, #82, 3rd Floor, 3rd Main, 9th Cross, ITI Layout, Mangampalya Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore 560 068 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being the amount of **Rs.53,75,431/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One only)** as on **07.01.2021** with future interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property bearing 1. Sy No. 12/2measuring 2 acres 12 guntas (2A-12G) situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalor dist and bounded on: East by : Road and property retained by Thimmareddy, West by: Sy.No.12/1 and 13, North by : Sy No.14/2 and 15/3 and property retained by Thimmareddy, South by : Sy.No.11.

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Volunteers from abroad ruled out for Games

TOKYO 2020

Volunteers from abroad will not be allowed into Japan for the postponed Tokyo Olympics, organisers said on Monday. The announcement came two days after Tokyo organisers said they would ban international fans from coming into Japan. Both measures are aimed at preventing the spread of Covid-19.

Setting a precedent: DNA analysis to test integrity of urine samples

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

IN what could be a first in India, a DNA analysis to prove the integrity of urine sample is set to be done soon. The Delhi High Court on Friday directed the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to collect a DNA sample from motorbike rider Vijay Singh by March 25 and send it to a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited lab in London for analysis. Singh, who tested positive during an event in November 2018, claimed his samples were tampered with. He was handed a four-year ban in January last year from the date of notice of charge (25.01.2019).

Sports lawyer Vidushpat Singhania informed this daily that the court agreed to his plea made on behalf of the athlete and directed NADA to collect the DNA sample by March 25. "This was agreed upon by the Anti-doping appeals panel also," said Singhania. Though the Anti-Doping disciplinary panel did not agree to DNA analysis saying Singh's argument did not look like a legitimate ground, the appeals panel felt otherwise. "The appeals panel cleared it subject to WADA consent. Even that did not take time. When NADA wrote to WADA on DNA analysis, it replied within a day and said it can be done for anti-doping purposes."

The whole DNA analysis and sampling cost however would be borne by the athlete. The amount of £752 had been transferred to the London laboratory in November last year. Unfortunately, until now no sample collection was done. "We'd to approach the Delhi High Court," said Singhania. "Gene and DNA testing can be done for biological passport and for any other legitimate anti-doping purpose," said Singhania. "When we talk about legitimate anti-doping process, then the panel can order it if they think it is needed. It is not a matter of right but if there is a tangible ground and the panel agrees to it, then it can be done."

The narrative of the whole story is quite interesting. Singh felt he was riding for the love of sport. He was not a die-hard professional rider. And there was no way he could have ingested something like stanazalol (anabolic steroid). "I am sure about it and gave a deep thought and I don't remember taking this hardcore performance enhancing drug," he told this newspaper. "My sport doesn't demand and I don't need to take. And I'm not into body-building."

Singh had been maintaining there were issues at the dope collection centre. "There were too many people inside and there were samples on the table and my urine could be mixed up," he said. "I want to clear my name from this and also set a precedent for other athletes who go through such ordeal because of dope control official's fault."

According to the petition filed in court, NADA has not called Singh "even after receiving affirmation from WADA and payment of the requisite fees on 23.11.2020... along with booking of the courier services".

The hearing was before single-judge bench of Pratibha Singh. Senior advocate Rajiv Dutta and Singhania took up the case. They invoked the WADA rule 6.2 that states: (6.2.1) Samples shall be analysed to detect Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods and other substances as may be directed by WADA pursuant to the Monitoring Program described in Article 4.5 of the Code; or to assist in profiling relevant parameters in an Athlete's urine, blood or other matrix, including DNA or genomic profiling; or for other legitimate anti-doping purpose. Samples may be collected and stored for future analysis.

Smells like team spirit

Shooters shine in team events on Day 4 of ongoing World Cup, claim top prize in mixed rifle, mixed pistol and men's skeet events

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE team events proved to be a goldmine for India at the ongoing ISSF World Cup on Monday as India claimed gold medals in mixed rifle, mixed pistol as well as men's skeet. Crucially, two of these are included in the Olympics and the shooters admitted that these are a great avenue to shine at the upcoming Tokyo Olympics.

First up, Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Singh Panwar combined to claim gold in the 10m mixed air rifle event before Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker notched up top spot in the air pistol discipline. The four athletes maybe young (21, 18, 19 and 18) but have already made winning a habit.

If one counts only mixed team, this was Elavenil's first while fourth for Divyansh at the senior World Cups. The pistol pair notched their fifth World Cup mixed team gold medal. "I enjoy team events a lot. We have a strong team and even if one does not shoot a particular shot well, your teammate can make up for it. And that gives us a lot of confidence and the pressure is a lot less. The feel of shooting in an international competition is slowly but surely coming back and as compared to my individual event, I was a lot better today so that bodes well for the Olympics," was how Divyansh put it.

The medal also came as a shot in the arm for Elavenil. The competition in the 10m air rifle is fierce with Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela securing the two quota spots. But the selection committee is yet to decide the team and the Tamil Nadu athlete was quite pleased with what transpired.

"Winning a medal here was part of the preparation plan I had and this is just another step towards the goal. At the end of the day, every athlete wants to compete on the biggest stage and I'm no different," she said.

Pistol shooters Saurabh Chaudhary & Manu Bhaker (L) | TWITTER/@G_RAJARAMAN

The pair of Saurabh and Manu defeated Golnoush Sebhatollahi and Javed Foroughi of Iran 16-12, making a brilliant rally after trailing 0-4 at the end of the second series while the rifle duo outgunned Hungarian World No 1 Istvan Peni and Eszter Denes 16-10. Yashaswini Singh Deswal and Abhishek Verma added a bronze after getting the better of Turkey's Sevval Ilayda Tarhan and Ismail Keles 17-13.

The skeet shooting from both the men and women's team added gloss to the day's proceedings. Gurjoat Khangura, Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Angad Vir Singh Bajwa combined to clinch gold for the men while Parinaaz Dhaliwal, Karttiki Singh Shaktawat and Ganemat Sekhon settled for silver.

"It is a new format, one which is entertaining to watch while also giving youngsters the feel of a competition and winning here after we had some difficulties with our equipment prior to the start of the World Cup is a great sign," was Mairaj's take.

All the finals witnessed some terrific atmosphere thanks to the members of the Indian shooting contingent cheering on their compatriots. India's shots were vociferously cheered on by the likes of Rahi Sarnobat, Moudgil and company as India extended their lead atop the medals tally. They now have six gold, four silver and as many bronze medals for a total of 14.

Sailor Varsha puts Oly dreams on hold, to coach

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

FROM her hotel balcony at the Al Mussanah Sports City in Oman, Varsha Gautham can't help but look at the ocean water. The pristine Gulf of Oman is sparkling under the sun and Varsha is almost tempted to hunt for her sailing gear and hit the waters. But one of the youngest two-time Asian Games medallist (bronze in 2014 followed by silver in 2018) this country has produced can't do that for two reasons. One, she has just started a period of quarantine after flying out of Chennai on Saturday. Two, and more importantly, she isn't at the Olympic qualifier beginning on April 1 as a participant. The 23-year-old is there as a coach.

Considering that Varsha is still very young, why did she decide to do this? At the very outset, the Chennai girl makes the point that she hasn't said goodbye to her sailing career. "I very much love sailing," she says. "This doesn't mean that I have ruled out taking part competitively ever again. That's not the case."

But the decision to coach came as a surprise even to her. In fact, that opportunity arose less than 10 days ago and she told herself 'why not?' "This isn't some career change," she says. "I had done some coaching training with my coach (Pete Conway) but I really don't know if I'm qualified or anything. Hopefully, I can be of some use." She will be 'helping (a word she uses)' Hsiu Chuan Chiang (Ogawa), an athlete from Chinese Taipei, who competes in laser standard.

So why isn't she competing at the Mussanah Open Championship, the last qualifier for Asian athletes to get to Tokyo? She gives a multi-layered answer including a lack of preparation time as well as multiple changes of venue owing to the pandemic. "My partner and I went through the whole process of getting ready in the beginning of 2020, to test ourselves for that shot at qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics but that was before the pandemic. Training and competing now... would be a half-hearted attempt, it just didn't feel right."

The backstory too — a bitter court case involving the Yatching Association of India (YAI) and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) — before the 2018 Asian Games can't be ignored. While the details of the court case is well documented, Varsha reveals that she was spent mentally.

"I wasn't in a good mind space post that. In fact, as soon as I came out of the water after winning that silver with Sweta Shervegar (in the women's 49er), I wasn't happy or anything. Just relieved."

Since then, she 'asked some questions of herself' before working 'in marketing (laughs)' at a company in Chennai.

After finding the water nauseating post the Asian Games, she can't help but look at it again.

Oly chasers seek vital ranking pts

AGENCIES @ Paris

TOP Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth will look to shake off the disappointment of an early exit from the All-England Championship when he competes at the Orleans Masters Super 100 tournament starting with the qualifiers on Tuesday.

Saina Nehwal, who had pulled out of the opening round in Birmingham due to a thigh injury, is recovering well but will take a call on her participation on Wednesday.

The $90,000 Super 100 tournament will offer valuable points for Olympic qualification and Srikanth and Saina will be eager to do well. "Saina has made considerable progress since withdrawing from All England. She has started training on Saturday. She is slowly recovering but not yet 100 per cent," India physiotherapist C Kiran said. While top seed Srikanth has received a bye, fourth seed Saina is scheduled to open against Malaysia's Kisona Selvaduray. Srikanth is likely to face fellow Indian Ajay Jayaram in the second round. Jayaram will open against Finland's Kalle Kolojonen.

1ST ODI INDIA VS ENGLAND

Rohit Sharma trains on the eve of the first ODI in Pune, on Monday | PTI

ONE DAY AT A TIME

The focus shifts to ODIs with India taking on England in a three-match series in Pune starting Tuesday. It will be of less importance considering there is no major 50-over tournament this year. Talking points...

DHAWAN TO OPEN

After all the debate about the openers in the T20Is, skipper Virat Kohli confirmed on Monday that Shikhar Dhawan will open with Rohit Sharma in the first ODI. Dhawan had opened in the three games the last time India played ODIs and hit a fifty in three innings, in Australia.

THE RAHUL QUESTION

With Rishabh Pant back in form, it has to be seen if KL Rahul, who is struggling, will feature in the XI. Though Kohli did not confirm if he would play, the skipper said the management will continue to back players like Rahul. Shreyas Iyer and Hardik Pandya are expected to fill the slots in the middle-order.

Shikhar and Rohit will definitely start. When it comes to one-day cricket, I don't think there's any issues or doubts over Rohit and Shikhar opening together. And they've been amazing for us in the past few years.

Virat Kohli

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 @ 1.30PM

PITCH AND CONDITIONS

England skipper Eoin Morgan said the Pune pitch might not offer a lot of turn and it is likely to be a good batting wicket. Temperatures will be as high as 36 degress.

2017

The England men's team have not played a bilateral ODI series in India since January 2017

14

No of completed ODIs the men have played since the World Cup in 2019

EXPRESS READ

Sonam among five wrestlers in Oly qualifier

LUCKNOW: Five Indian wrestlers, including Haryana's Sonam Malik, will compete at the Asian Olympic Qualifying Event and the 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship to be held in Kazakhstan from April 9 to 18. Apart from Sonam, the other four wrestlers to make the cut are Seema (50kg), Anshu Malik (57kg), Nisha (68kg) and Pooja (76kg). They were selected in a selection trial that was held in five Olympic weight categories at here on Monday. The 18-year-old Sonam notched up her fourth straight win over Rio Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik with a 8-7 triumph in the selection trials.

KKR players begin assembling in Mumbai

MUMBAI: Kolkata Knight Riders cricketers have started assembling in Mumbai ahead of the IPL beginning on April 9. Dinesh Karthik, Varun Chakaravarthy, Rahul Tripathi, to name a few, were among the first set of people to arrive here.

Manchester United crash out of FA Cup

LEICESTER: Ole Gunnar Solskjaer defended his decision to field a weak team as Manchester United crashed out of FA Cup with a 3-1 quarterfinal defeat at Leicester. He made five changes from the side that beat AC Milan in Europa League on Thursday.

INRC 2021 to kick-start on April 23 in Chennai

CHENNAI: The Champion Yacht Club FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2021 will witness the competitors fight it out over six rounds across the country. The upcoming season will begin in Chennai, which will also double up as one of the three Asian rounds of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship, on April 23-25 and conclude in Nagaland on November 12-14. After round 1, the bandwagon will move to Bengaluru (May 28-20), followed by Coimbatore (July 17-18), Delhi-NCR (August 27-28) and Hampi (October 1-3).

LA LIGA

Barca register big win but Atleti maintain gap

AFP @ Madrid

Lionel Messi scored twice on Sunday as Barcelona trounced Real Sociedad 6-1 to keep pressure on Atletico Madrid, who squeezed past Alaves thanks to a late penalty save from Jan Oblak. Oblak's 86th-minute heroics ensured Luis Suarez's 500th career goal was enough for a 1-0 victory at Wanda Metropolitano, meaning the gap at the top of La Liga remains at four points.

But the contrast between Atletico's nervy win against Alaves and Barca's demolition of Real Sociedad spoke volumes about where the momentum lies in title race. Atletico will hope Oblak's save can prove to be a turning point after a challenging few weeks.

Barcelona's Lionel Messi has netted 16 goals in 12 games in 2021 | AP

Barcelona have hit their stride, their six goals against Real Sociedad no less than they deserved for a scintillating attacking display, and perhaps their best since Ronald Koeman took charge.

LOCAL EXPRESS

Karnataka women lose, but reach quarterfinal

BENGALURU: Vidarbha ended Karnataka's unbeaten run in the BCCI senior women's one-day trophy in Group E with a four-run win at VB Nest Ground in Chennai. DD Kasat looked in top form as she scored an unbeaten 126 to help Vidarbha score 216/5. Karnataka managed 212/9 in 50 overs in the second innings as Shubha S and Divya G's respective half centuries went in vain. Despite the loss, Karnataka, who finished second in their group, managed to reach the quarterfinals of the competition. Overall, they collected 16 points with four wins.

Double triumph for BFC Academy

BENGALURU: BFC Academy delivered the goods in the Under-8 and Under-10 categories of the KSFA Youth Premier League 2020-21 recently. In the U-8 competition, they won nine out of nine to emerge champions while BFC Academy defeated Bangalore City FC(Magic) 1-0 at the FSV Arena to be crowned U-10 champions.

K'taka win national para swimming championship

BENGALURU: Karnataka came up with a dominant show in the National Para Swimming Championship, winning the overall championship with 362 points at the Zee Swim Academy here. Maharashtra finished second on 279 points as the championship concluded on Monday.

3RD T20I INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA

STRUGGLE IS REAL

With the series already lost, India women would be keen to avoid a whitewash when they take on South Africa in the third and final T20I in Lucknow on Tuesday. Talking points...

BANKING ON YOUNG GUNS

In the two T20Is India have played so far, young players have stood out. **Shafali Verma**, who is playing her first series after last year's T20 World Cup, has looked in fine touch with 70 runs from two games. Harleen Deol and Richa Ghosh have also shown promise in the batting line-up that is missing Harmanpreet Kaur.

BOWLERS NEED TO DELIVER

India women have taken a total of five wickets out of a possible 20 in the two matches. Lead spinner Poonam Yadav is yet to open her account and there is little help from other spinners such as Deepti Sharma and Rajeshwari Gayakwad. If Mandhana & Co are to avoid whitewash, their bowlers have to chip in.

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This is the first time India women's team have lost a T20 series against South Africa.

POOR FIELDING DISPLAYS

That India are rusty has been evident. Despite putting up a competitive total in the second T20I, they lost the game and series due to sloppy fielding. This prompted stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana to say "we didn't deserve to win after a poor fielding display."

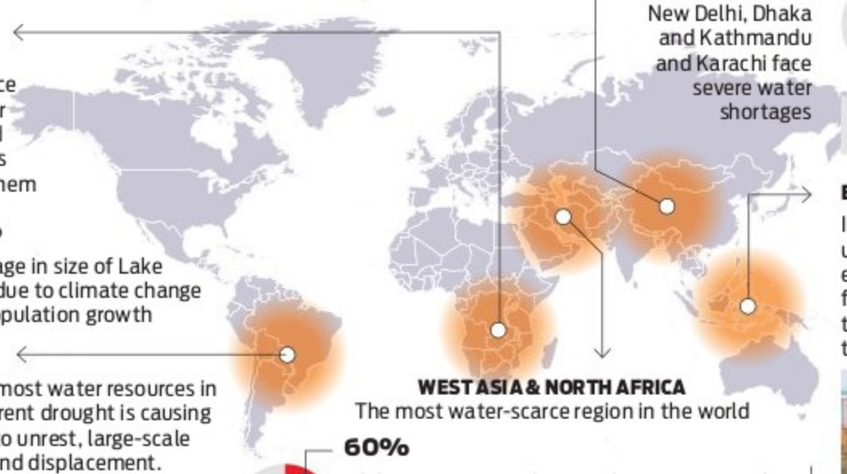
LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 2 @ 7PM

The EU's medicines regulator on Monday advised against using the anti-parasite drug ivermectin for coronavirus outside clinical trials, despite headlines touting it as a miracle cure. Lab tests had found ivermectin could block replication of the coronavirus, but only at much higher dosage levels, which can be toxic.

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

Where the world is running dry

In a statement marking World Water Day, UNICEF said more than 1.42 billion people -- including 450 million children -- are living in areas of high or extremely high water vulnerability in the world. We take a global look at water shortages



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Despite the existence of vast groundwater reserves, unchecked borehole drilling has depleted much of them

90% shrinkage in size of Lake Chad, due to climate change and population growth

LATIN AMERICA

The region has the most water resources in the world, yet recurrent drought is causing shortages, leading to unrest, large-scale economic distress and displacement. Deforestation is also a concern in the region

75% of Latin America's waste water is discharged into rivers and other water bodies

SOUTH ASIA

South Asia is highly affected by water scarcity and many urban centres such as New Delhi, Dhaka and Kathmandu and Karachi face severe water shortages

20 MILLION wells in South Asia are contributing to over-extraction of groundwater resources, due mainly to agricultural production

50% of global groundwater-based irrigation is done in South Asia

Pakistan could effectively run out of water by 2025

EAST ASIA

In megacities in the region, urbanisation has caused extreme water stress. Jakarta, for example, is sinking faster than any other major city in the world

WEST ASIA & NORTH AFRICA

The most water-scarce region in the world

60% of the region's population is living in areas of high surface water stress, way above the global average of 35%. Conflict and displacement are closely linked to water scarcity here

9 OUT OF 10 CHILDREN LIVE IN HIGH WATER STRESS AREAS

MAP EXPLAINER

The colour-coded map from UNICEF shows the level of water vulnerability (high and extremely high) of 1.3 billion people. The data is based on how water scarcity overlaps with lack of access, including dependence on untreated sources and the length of time it takes to collect water

29 out of 48 economies are 'water insecure'

90 KM salt water intrustion in some coastal areas in Vietnam

First space debris clean-up mission goes into orbit

Launch is meant to usher in new era of sustainable flight amid hazard posed by 9,000 tonnes of space junk to satellites

SPACE

MOSCOW: Russia on Monday put 38 foreign satellites into orbit after a succesful launch from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan following delays due to technical issues.

Among the payload was Japanese startup Astroscale's spacecraft that is meant to locate and retriev used satellites and other space junk in a six-month demonstration.

The project is the first of its kind by a commercial satellite company, Nikkei Asia reported on Monday.

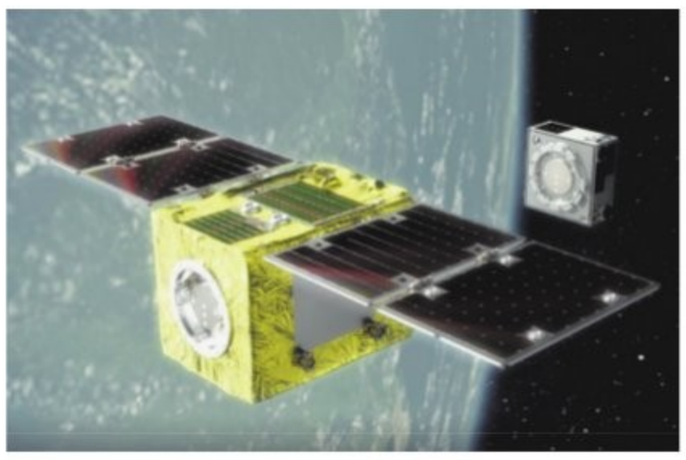
The debris removal spacecraft, known as End-of-Life Services by Astroscale Demonstration, or Elsa-D, was part of the "ride-share" lanch from the Baikonur cosmodrome, and is licensed by the UK Space Agency.

The 200-kg craft has two satellites, the smaller of which is equipped with a magnetic plate that allows the larger satellite to dock with it. In a series of tests, the two spacecraft will autonomously separate and join each other over varying distances.

After the tests are complete, the spacecraft burn up in Earth's atmosphere.

Experts say that there are about 25,000 pieces of space junk in Earth's orbit, a real risk for the 3,000 satellites now operating in space, not to mention the International Space Station.

The Soyuz rocket carrying the spacecraft launched against grey and cloudy skies at 0607 GMT. Later Monday, Roscosmos said in a statement that the rocket had successfully placed into orbit the 38 satellites from more than a dozen countries, including South Korea, Japan, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Italy and Brazil.



An artist's impression of Astroscale's satellite Elsa-D. The two-part spacecraft is meant to give a six-month demonstration of how to clean up orbital debris

Among them was the Challenge-1, the first satellite made completely in Tunisia, which was created by the Telnet telecommunications group.

The launch was twice postponed from Saturday after a surge in voltage was detected.

S Korea's space ambitions

Also part of the rocket's payload was South Korea's next-generation midsized observation satellite, which reached its initial orbit of 484-508 km above Earth on Monday.

Equipped with an imaging sensor system developed by South Korean researchers, the satellite will conduct a four-year observation mission 497.8 kilometres above the Earth's surface. It is scheduled to provide precise observation videos of the Earth starting in October after a six-month trial run.

The launch comes after years of investment in the space industry by the relative latecomer to the global space development race.

Tunisian techies rejoice

Tunisia celebrated the launch Monday of its first domestically made satellite, hoping it would inspire young engineers to reach for the stars at home rather than join those emigrating overseas.

That made Tunisia the sixth African country to manufacture its own satellite and see it reach space.

The Challenge-1 is set to collect data including temperature, pollution and humidity readings over areas without internet coverage, as part of efforts to gather such information from areas beyond terrestrial phone networks.

"We are very emotional, after three years of intense work," said engineer Haifa Triki, 28, from Tunis.

Another drug repurposed to fight Covid

MEDICINE

NEW DELHI: Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal and the University of Nebraska Medical Centre (UNMC) in the US have identified a drug that can be repurposed to treat Covid-19.

According to the team, Rapamycin is currently being used for treating cancer patients and those who have undergone organ transplantation. Its analogues are commonly available in India and abroad.

The research was published in a peer-reviewed paper in *Chemico Biological Interactions*. Rapamycin targets the host proteins and may resist the infection.

"Using repurposed drug such as Rapamycin that targets mTOR, a central molecule affecting multiple signalling pathways, may yield a significant clinical benefit for the treatment of Covid-19," said Amjad Husain, Principal Scientist, and Chief Executive Officer, Innovation and Incubation Center for Entrepreneurship, IISER.

Gallbladder cancer cases up 76%: Study

EDUCATION

BEIJING: Gallbladder and biliary tract cancer incidence worldwide increased by 76%, mortality increased by 65%, and disability-adjusted life years increased by 52% from 1990 to 2017, says a new study.

It is estimated that globally, there were 210,878 new cases, 173,974 deaths, and 3,483,046 disability-adjusted life years - the number of years lost from ill-health, disability, or early death - due to GBTC in 2017, according to the study in the journal *CANCER*.

The research showed that GBTC burden varied by sex, region, and age.

Certain risk factors were also evident. Globally, an estimated 20.6% and 8.1% of GBTC-related deaths in females and males, respectively, were attributed to high body mass index. "GBTC remains a major health burden worldwide," wrote the authors from Liuzhou People's Hospital in China.

HOME OF INDIAN RHINOS

Tourists take pictures of a one-horned rhino during an elephant safari at the Kaziranga National Park on Monday | AFP

Tool to help fix MS hack in broad use

TECHNOLOGY

WASHINGTON: A tool designed to help businesses protect themselves from further compromises after a global hack of Microsoft email server software has been downloaded more than 25,000 times since it was released last week, the White House's National Security Council said Monday.

As a result, the number of vulnerable systems has fallen by 45%, according to an NSC spokesperson.

The one-click Microsoft tool was created to protect against cyberattacks and to scan systems for compromises and fix them. It was developed after a massive hack affecting an estimated tens of thousands of users of servers running Microsoft's Exchange email program.

The breach was discovered in early January and was attributed to Chinese cyber spies. Then in late February, five days before Microsoft Corp. issued a patch on March 2, there was an explosion of infiltrations by other intruders, piggybacking on the initial breach.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Tingly fingers a health risk?

HEALTH

Tingly fingers might seem like something you can just shake off and chalk up to poor blood flow or a cold house, for example. However, experts say many people don't take this symptom seriously, and in the process they risk permanently damage over the years. Hand surgeons from a hospital in the eastern German city of Dresden explain that the tingling sensation could indicate that there is pressure on the nerve bundles in the carpal tunnel of your wrist, DPA news agency reported on Monday. This pressure can lead to blood supply in the area to be cut off, killing off nerve fibres. A person's dexterity can be affected, making opening doors or holding things more difficult, for example, due to numbness.

Code to fix climate crisis

TECHNOLOGY

IBM on Monday launched the fourth edition of the annual "Call for Code" global challenge to tackle climate change. This year's competition invites the world's software developers to combat climate change with open source tech. The Call for Code Initiative has grown to more than 400,000 developers and problem solvers across 179 nations, and has generated more than fifteen thousand applications. Last year's winning solution, Agrolly, is an app designed to support small farmers by providing climate and crop predictions and recommendations. Agrolly has provided hands-on training to more than 500 rural farmers across Mongolia, India, and Brazil.

TIP OF THE ICEBERG

1/3rd of those hospitalised for Covid have long-term problems

RESEARCH

PARIS: At least one in three patients hospitalised with Covid-19 suffer long-term health issues including multiple organ problems and deteriorated mental health, according to a review of studies looking at the lasting impact of the disease.

Published in the journal Nature Medicine on Monday, the review looked at the frequency of symptoms among Covid "long-haulers", the most common of which include fatigue, shortness of breath, anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Authors of the research said the data pointed to an underappreciated health emergency that governments needed to study more closely and find ways to manage.

"Given the millions of people infected by SARS-CoV-2 globally, the long-term cost on physical, cognitive and mental aspects of health still remain to be seen," lead author Kartik Sehgal, a medical oncologist at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, told AFP.

"We may be capturing only the tip of the iceberg."

While severe Covid-19 infects patients' lungs – leaving many with long term breathing issues -- studies have shown that the virus also attacks other organs, leading to a variety of complications including cardiovascular illness and chronic inflammation.

Sehgal and colleagues reviewed nine long-term studies from Europe, the United States and China and found that several patients reported multiple organ problems months after they were discharged from hospital.

Overall, they found that 30 % of patients studied reported at least one symptom, such as fatigue, shortness of breath and psychiatric conditions.

One study in Italy of 143 patients found that nearly 90% reported lingering symptoms 60 days after they recovered from initial Covid-19 infection. The most common symptoms were fatigue (53.1%), shortness of breath (43.4%), joint pain (27.3%) and chest pain (21.7%).

In total, more than half of patients experienced multiple symptoms two months after leaving hospital.

Three studies from France, Britain and China showed that between 25-30% of patients reported sleep disturbances weeks after recovering from Covid-19.

And approximately 20% of patients had reported hair loss, according to results from multiple studies.

In a cohort of 402 survivors in Italy one month after they were hospitalised, 56% were diagnosed with at least one psychiatric condition such as PTSD, depression or anxiety.

'Daredevil' volcano tourists

GEOLOGY

The eruption of a volcano on a Russian peninsula has attracted thrill-seeking tourists risking their lives for picturesque photos, prompting concerns in recent days from local emergency responders. The Klyuchevskaya Sopka on Kamchatka, a volcanic peninsula in Russia's Far East, is the tallest volcano in Eurasia at 15,580 feet and one of the largest active volcanoes in the world. It erupted last month on its northwestern slope, seeping lava and ejecting volcanic bombs. In recent days, streams of tourists have ventured up the volcano slope to take selfies at the edge of the crater and against the backdrop of the splattering lava, even grilling sausages in it. By Monday, the intensity of the eruption had "dropped significantly". But emergency responders have nonetheless warned the adventurous tourists after their selfies spread widely across social networks.

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DAY'S DIARY

The last of Singh

Indian revolutionist who took part in the anti-colonial movement, Bhagat Singh, was hanged on this day in 1931, along with Sukhdev and Rajguru

EARLY START

By the time he was 16, Bhagat Singh had made conscious choices about what he had to do with his life—he dedicated it to the cause of securing freedom for India

IN JAIL

Singh and his compatriots were jailed after they killed a British police officer to avenge the death of Lala Lajpat Rai, who died following a brutal beating by the police

A MEMORIAL

In 1950, after Independence, the land where Bhagat Singh and his companions were cremated was procured from Pakistan and a memorial built

'I am working on developing this visually-impaired character'

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STARTUP WATCH

BACKSTORY
OpenApp was established in November 2015 by serial entrepreneur **Gotama Gowda**. OpenApp is a smart locking product with IoT-enabled applications which can be used for home or office security purposes. The smart locks are in form of door sensors, wifi gateways, smart latches which can be locked and unlocked remotely using mobile phones, bluetooth, digital keypads and mechanical keyboards.

USP
They aim to offer smart locking solutions to middle-class households with single-interface experiences (i.e., all home IoT products can be managed on a single app). You can unlock your home door from office when your child is back home from school, or can allow the domestic help into the house and get notified on the phone when they leave.

FINANCE FUNDA
They have raised $2.2 million from Unicorn Ventures, Axilor, and Karnataka Information Technology Venture Capital Fund.

TARGET AUDIENCE
The secured smart locks are aimed at both business enterprises and consumers. According to the founder, more than 60,000 devices are being used across eight countries and 500-plus cities in India. Out of this, 55 per cent of all devices are sold in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

Playback singer Usha Uthup, who recently conducted an online masterclass, speaks to *CE* about how some things never change on stage, her 'compulsive optimism', and more

'I AM STILL NERVOUS ABOUT SHOWS'

SANATH PRASAD

AFTER having sung in 17 Indian languages, eight foreign ones and with performances across several national and international music events, it is surprising to hear Usha Uthup say she still gets nervous. But this isn't necessarily bad, she tells *CE*. "It is good for musical artistes to be nervous because one should not take the audience for granted. I was nervous during my first show and I am still nervous after thousands of shows," says Uthup, who conducted an online masterclass on the art of stagecraft, organised by Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts (SaPa), Bengaluru recently.

Recalling her 'magical years' during the late '70s, Uthup still maintains fond memories of her professional shows at places like Chennai's Nine Gems, Hotel Bangalore International, Trincas Restaurant and Bar in Kolkata and Talk of The Town (now known as Pizza by the Bay) in Maharashtra. These, she believes, laid the foundation of her musical career. In a journey that spans more than 50 years, the versatile singer has enjoyed three things very much. "First is always the applause. It is more intoxicating than the six bottles of whisky. Second is the success I had in Nairobi, when I met the then President Jomo Kenyatta who offered me the key to Kenya for singing Malaika. And I am happy that I was able to sing for communities across the world and cater to different audiences in my career," says Uthup.

The pandemic affected all artistes, including Uthup who had to apply brakes on her performances after her last show at Jodhpur in March 2020. "The entertainment industry has been hit badly. If I don't earn, my technicians also don't earn since they depend on daily wages," says the singer, who managed to find a ray of light in this bleak situation.

"I am a compulsive optimist who managed to create a way when there was none. I have used digital mediums to perform in virtual shows, singing songs, sharing motivational talks with the help of my technical team and managedto work with what we have," she adds.

> *I have used digital mediums to perform in virtual shows and share motivational talks, with help from my technical team. I managed to work with what we have*
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> - **Usha Uthup, singer**

The growing language wars in many states, for example, the anti-Hindi sentiment in Tamil Nadu, has opened up room for debate. As someone who has performed in different Indian languages like Tamil, Kannada and Hindi, the singer also shares her views. "Actually this is a non-issue to me. The point is to get yourself heard. Although I speak many languages fluently, I think in English. At the same time, one needs to widen their horizons and learn more languages. In that case, there is no need to oppose any language. That is why music is the only thing that transcends beyond languages," she says.

The singer's sisters Indira and Uma, who are known as The Sami Sisters, stay in Bengaluru. When it comes to performances in namma ooru, there are many that are close to her heart. While she enjoys the response that the city's audience gave her during her jazz, pop and rock performances, one particular show stands out most. "My all-time favourite show in the city was with Dr Rajkumar, singing the famous song *Huttidare Kannada Nadalli Huttabeku*. I also loved performing at the Bengaluru Ganesh Utsav in Basavanagudi," she says, but not before signing off with a line that indicates how deep her love for music is. "A song is always much bigger than the singer."

This new web series about the cyber world, starring Prateik Babbar, might just include a link to namma ooru in its second season, which is currently work in progress

Sajit Warrier

Crypto and the city

SANATH PRASAD

CRYPTOCURRENCY seems to be the buzzword these days. So much so that filmmaker Sajit Warrier has just released a new Hindi web series that features this in its plot line. *Chakravyuh* stars Prateik Babbar and Simran Kaur Mundi in the lead roles and according to Warrier, subjects related to the digital world and other technical subjects are alien to the mass audience. "The story is set around the world of cryptocurrency and a lot of research went into it. Prateik Babbar had to play an police officer who has to figure out his way into the cyber world," says Warrier, who was also the creative producer of *Total Dhamaal* starring Ajay Devgn.

The series was released on March 12 and is streaming on MX Player. Interestingly, Warrier also has plans of including a connection to namma ooru in the story, in order to establish a link between the digital world and the IT capital of India. "Although we had plans to have a Bengaluru background, we stuck to Mumbai. But we are working on the script for the upcoming season of *Chakravyuh*, which might have a Bengaluru connect to it," says the director, who is planning to make a visit to the city in April or May.

The director is a fine arts student from Baroda who went on to work with film and tv studios in Hollywood, Los Angeles; Dubai and Mumbai. He specialises in creating original OTT series. "I am a fan of crime, cyber crime and dark stories. I make sure that the narrative syncs well with the youth as there are a lot of them who engage actively on social media," says the 40-year-old. Speaking about the advantage of OTT platforms, the filmmaker believes that the format allows directors to be more flexible. "The OTT platform gives me a chance to experiment with different genres. A similar story releasing in a theatre would not cause much impact. The story becomes more personal while watching on an OTT platform," says Warrier, who also believes that the audience can zero in well and grasp the value of other supporting characters in a web series. "Simran is a big star in Punjab and her character in this story would just be in passing if it were in theatres. However, a web series allows a character to settle in even after three or four episodes."

Although the filmmaker was born in Kolkata and works in Mumbai, he is all praises for Bengaluru. "My brother is working as an IT professional in Bengaluru and my parents are staying there as well. The city is the best place to relax or party. During my previous visits here, I went for long drives to Mysuru and Puducherry, among other places."

A still from the series

SNEAK PEEK

RCB cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal gave fans a glimpse into all the fun and frolic that went down during his wedding with Dhanashree Verma Chahal. The sportsman shared a teaser of the wedding film on Instagram, which will be out this Saturday. Don't miss the cute message he left for his wife in the caption: "You're my girl and I'm your guy And I'm loving you lots and lots". Looks like this couple sure scored big with each other!

TOUCH OF GREEN

Count on Deepika Padukone to display her wit along with a picture-perfect photograph. The Bollywood actor posted a photo of her rocking a green-on-green outfit as she poses against an emerald backdrop. The B'luru girl captioned the photo, "Me running away from Alphonso Mangoes..." and a line right after that read, "OR am I...!?".

CITY READ

Initiative creates awareness about heritage sites

Namma Nimma Cycle Foundation, a city-based NGO working towards sustainable lifestyle, partnered with Horticulture Department, Discovery Village and Heritage Beku to celebrate the birthday of Richard Sankey (22 March 1829 - 11 November 1908). This was a part of the initiative to create awareness about heritage sites that were developed by Richard Sankey (chief engineer of Mysore from 1861 for 13 years). The cyclists pedaled around Cubbon Park and visited monuments built by Richard Sankey.

Bank gets new executive director

K Satyanarayana Raju has recently taken charge as executive director of Canara Bank. During his 33-year-long banking career, he has headed various branches for 12 years, including specialised corporate banking branch.

Mahita Nagaraj, who led a group of 55,000 people to help the needy during the first wave of the Covid-19 outbreak, has started an initiative to document a billion acts of kindness from around the world

PAYING IT FORWARD

SANATH PRASAD

ON March 18 last year, when the pandemic was setting in, a group of volunteers, coordinated by **Mahita Nagaraj** in Bengaluru, started networking and helping people in need. Initially known as Caremongerers India, Nagaraj's team with more than 55,000 online volunteers, took over the mission to reach out to those in need during the Covid-19 crisis. A year later, the team is celebrating its first anniversary with a new name and new agenda.

They are now the Humankind Global, and have launched a mega campaign of documenting over 1 billion stories of kindness, assistance and humanity. Nagaraj, the chief coordinator, says, "Last year around this time, all of us experienced a panicked-filled month. That is when the voluntary initiative started with a single-minded intention to help. It is a march towards positivity." She also believes that a lot of people are engaged in the act of kindness, but don't come to the limelight. "Our intention is to document nice acts on a daily basis. Indians, as a community, are extremely giving," she adds.

Some of the acts of kindness that the campaign includes are being a mentor, teaching, sharing a meal, sharing talent, animal welfare, cleaning neighbourhoods, among others. So far the pledges have clocked close to 5.8 million and the team is expecting to reach a billion by the end of March.

Speaking about the authenticity of the pledges, Nagaraj says, "With this kind of initiative, a lot of it is trust-based. A large part of this runs on trust because we are trying to network with strangers for help."

According to the voluntary organisation, the oldest pledger is an 88-year-old from Leeds, United Kingdom, who is growing vegetables in her home garden and donating it to the nearest soup kitchen. In Bengaluru, Uma Pai, a 76-year-old social worker and cancer survivor has pledged to help underprivileged people.

"We distribute food to pourakarmikas around Koramangala, help physically-challenged children and orphans by organising art and craft sessions," says Pai.

Young volunteer Karen Rejani, a 13-year-old student, has pledged to take his elderly neighbour's dog for a walk every day. "We are a country with loads of niceness. I am confident of reaching our goal," says Nagaraj.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

MANGO SPECIAL

Summer is here, which means it's time to indulge in mangoes. In light of this, a city-based Bengali restaurant will serve dishes, drinks and desserts made using raw mango, like Aam Pora Sharbat, Aam Chanar Cutlet, Aam Kashundi Begun, etc. **Where:** Esplanade, Indiranagar **When:** Ongoing

Pop of colour

Celebrate the festival of colours with an array of dumplings, assembled using all-natural vegetable puree. The menu includes Charcoal Prawn Dumplings made using squid ink, Mandarin River Sole dumplings, Wild Mushroom Purple Dumplings and more. **When:** March 24 - 31, **Where:** Sriracha, UB City and Indiranagar

LITERARY EVENT

Ranga Shankara will hold a literary event focussed on playwright and director Abhishek Majumdar. The event will celebrate the launch of his three English plays - *The Djinns of Eidgah, Harlesden High Street*, and *Pah-La*. **When:** March 28, 11am **Where:** Ranga Shankara , JP Nagar

BIRYANI TIME

Ssaffron is bringing together 'Flavours of Royalty', a special biryani menu from across the country. It will offer Ambur Mutton Biryani, Bhavnagri Chili Bharvan Biryani, Mughlai Murgh Biryani and more. **When:** Till March 28 **Where:** Shangri-La Hotel, Bengaluru, Palace Road

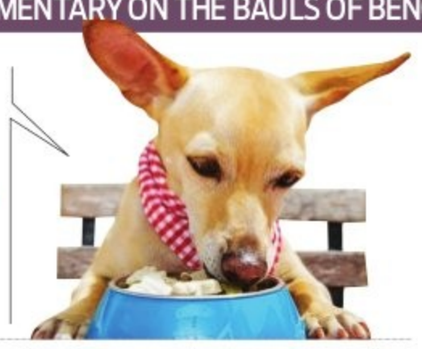
IN FOCUS: WATCH THIS DOCUMENTARY ON THE BAULS OF BENGAL. **WHEN & WHERE:** MARCH 28, 6PM; INDIAN MUSIC EXPERIENCE MUSEUM, JP NAGAR

Japanese special

Head to this restaurant to enjoy dishes from the Land of the Rising Sun. The menu includes Don Buri and Robatayaki specials, along with sake cocktails. **When:** Till March 28 **Where:** Mikusu, Conrad Bengaluru

Bow-wow

Check out this 4-course brunch, designed specially for your furry friends. **When:** March 28 **Where:** Trippy Goat Cafe & Wine, Hatworks Boulevard Off Cunningham Road



Holi thali

With Holi round the corner, Khandani Rajdhani presents Rangeelo Rajasthan festival from March 26 to March 29. There will be seasonal holi dishes on a rotational basis, with the thali. Thandai and Guiyas will be served as a part of the curated Holi menu. **For details, call:** 66650317

MEDITERRANEAN DELIGHT

Foodhall's new Mediterranean Cafe Menu features Za'atar Avo Toast, Herb Mushroom Talleggio Toast, Marrakesh Couscous Bowl, and more. These new dishes can be paired them with Frozen Hot Chocolate and Passion fruit and Thyme Lemonade. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Foodhall@1MG, MG Road

Young talent music fest

The Bharatiya Samagana Sabha is organising Namasthubhyam, a 'young talent music festival'. It is dedicated to young musicians and the performers include Uthara Unnikrishnan, Spoorthi Rao, Rahul Vellal and Nandini Gaikwad. When: March 27 and 28. **Where:** Chowdiah Memorial Hall **Tickets:** BookMyShow.

Happy feet

Bugatti has recently unveiled their Spring-Summer collection 2021. Their women's collection includes white silver leather oxford, rose reptile print platform sneakers, pastel-coloured lace-up sneakers and Cognac mules. They are priced from ₹6,499 to ₹7,999. **Available at:** www.iconicindia.com

Online exhibition

InKo Centre presents Chaekgado - constructing and de-constructing perspectives, an exhibition by Lim Soosik at Prism, in their virtual gallery. Chaekgado or chaekgeori refers to still-life paintings, mainly books and other related objects such as decorative bibelot, antiques, stationery and flowers. The exhibition can be viewed online till March 31 at www.inkocentre.org/Virtual_Connect_Infotainment.html

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

PYAZ PARATHA

INGREDIENTS

- **Onion:** 1, medium-sized, finely-chopped
- **Green chilles:** 2, finely-chopped
- **Coriander leaves:** 1/4 bunch, finely-chopped
- **Kasoori methi:** 1 tbsp
- **Atta:** 1 cup ■ **Oil for the dough:** 1 tsp
- **Pepper powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Salt** to taste ■ **Water** to knead the dough ■ **Oil** for paratha

METHOD

- Put all the ingredients in a shallow dish, mix well; add water to knead the dough and keep aside for 30 minutes.
- Divide the dough into equal portions and prepare parathas with a rolling pin on a pastry board.
- Heat a skillet, place the paratha onto it and add oil. Cook till golden. Do the same on the other side.
- Serve hot with cucumber raita or tomato chutney.

—Rashika Lahiri, Secunderabad

FIT BIT

EKA PADA PARIVRTTA TADASANA

(ONE LEGGED REVOLVED MOUNTAIN POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Eka' means one, 'pada' means foot, 'parivrtta' means revolved, 'tada' means mountain and 'asana' means posture. It is a standing balancing twist pose incorporated in Hatha Yoga as an introduction to balancing poses. It may also be used in sequences for senior yoga to help build strong knees, hips and shoulders for better balance. It can also be a warm up or preparatory pose to Parivrtta Hasta Padangusthasana and other intense yoga poses. Encouraging gentle engagement of the core, it strengthens the pelvic floor, psoas muscles, hip flexors, gluteus maximus, and helps open the upper back. The gentle twist allows for deeper breathing through lifting the diaphragm, allowing more oxygenated blood through the body.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana Variation Feet Hip Wide Pose. Extend arms out at shoulder level, in a 'T'.
- Inhale and bend the right knee, bringing it up to hip level. Let the right foot remain flexed and active.
- Exhale, and with the next inhalation, expand your chest.
- As you exhale, twist the torso towards the right side. Stay in balance turning towards the right for about 4-6 breaths.
- To release, exhale and turn the head and shoulders. Then, release the leg and stand back in Mountain Pose Variation Feet Hip Wide.
- Relax and repeat the practise with the left leg and twisting towards the left side.
- Release and relax.

BENEFITS

- Increases spinal muscles' range of motion.
- Pressure on the navel region supplies the area with fresh oxygenated blood, thus increasing the efficiency of the organs.
- Helps burn toxins.
- Strengthens and stretches lumbar region.
- Provides comfort to those who suffer from mild back issues due to sitting or travelling.
- Helps correct postural changes.
- Those recovering from a long period of bed rest can practise.
- Opens the muscles of the legs, reduces stiffness around the lower back.

LIMITATIONS

- Those suffering from vertigo or recovering from an injury or surgery of the joints of the hips, knees, spine or shoulders should avoid this.
- People suffering from high blood pressure frequents dizziness should avoid it.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

THE MUSAFIR STORIES- INDIA TRAVEL PODCAST

The Musafir Stories talks about iconic and, in fact, all sorts of travel destinations. The podcast series is hosted by Saif Omar and Faiza Khan who talk to fellow travellers about their various adventures across India. It sounds like a good, authentic conversation between people and is quite informative as well.

- Available on Spotify

MAED IN INDIA

Maed in India prides itself on being India's first indie music podcast and features conversations with, well, independent musicians from India and abroad. From unreleased music to unknown music stories, they have it all. It's great for discovering new music, too.

- Available on Spotify

VANAKKAM MAKKALE

Perspectives of diasporic Tamils from Germany, for the world to hear. It is a weekly podcast by Nanda and Karthik, two professionals from two different fields coming together to showcase their little known humor and also to discuss on some very serious topics.

- Available on Apple Podcasts

THE SANDIP ROY SHOW

What makes people tick? What are the stories they carry with them? In a world of shouting heads, veteran journalist, radio commentator and novelist Sandip Roy sits down to have real conversations about the fascinating world around us and the people who shape it. Catch these engaging interviews every other Sunday.

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KHUSHI KHUSHIYAGI

Raj, who belongs to an affluent family, meets Priya at an event and is spellbound by her beauty. He loses her number, which leads to a string of confusions.

- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya, Nandini Rai

MR AIRAVATA

Airavata, a farmer who was wronged by a few corrupt police officers, decides to take matters into his own hands and joins the police force through wrong means.

- Cast: Darshan, Urvashi Rautela, Prakash Raj

JAANU

Siddarth helps Rukmini reach home when she runs out of money on a trip. Rukmini's family attack Siddarth, but welcome him after learning the truth. Both fall in love, but a surprise awaits them.

- Cast: Yash, Deepa Sannidhi, Rangayana Raghu

JODI

Kannan falls in love with Gayathri but both decide to win the hearts of each other's family members and marry with their consent.

- Cast: Prashanth, Simran, Nassar, Trisha

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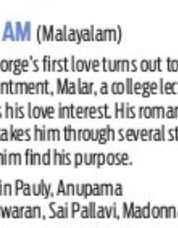
WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 QUEST 16 – THE NATURE OF DEFORESTATION

Have you ever wondered how many trees are in the world? Or why we need trees on our planet? Forests are often called "the lungs of our planet"... can we live without lungs? Let's learn more about our precious forests by exploring the state of deforestation in the world, its causes and impact on the ecosystems, climate, and us.



2 EXPLORING OTHER DIMENSIONS BY ALEX ROSENTHAL AND GEORGE ZAIDAN

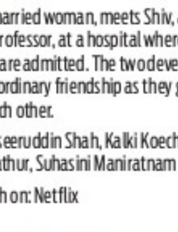
Imagine a two-dimensional world – you, your friends, everything is 2D. In his 1884 novella, Edwin Abbott invented this world and called it Flatland. Alex Rosenthal and George Zaidan implore us to consider how we would see dimensions different from our own.

3 WHAT IF MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS RESPONDED TO EMERGENCY CALLS? BY LESLIE HEROD

Colorado State Representative Leslie Herod shares a straightforward and research-backed approach that brings heart and humanity to criminal justice rather than unnecessary fines and arrests.

4 HOW TO HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS BY JULIA DHAR

"We need to figure out how we go into conversations not looking for the victory, but the progress," says world debate champion Julia Dhar. She shares three essential features of productive disagreements grounded in curiosity and purpose. The end result? Constructive conversations that sharpen your argument and strengthen your relationships.



5 HOW SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY CAN IMPROVE OUR HEALTH, FOOD AND MATERIALS BY EMILY LEPROUST

Advocating for a new kind of environmentalism, scientist and entrepreneur Emily Leproust rethinks modern sustainability at the molecular level, using synthetic biology to create green alternatives.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

WEEKEND (Kannada)
It revolves around techies with and without employment. Among these two groups, Ajay is raised to be good by his grandfather Anant Ram and leads a happy life. But on a particular weekend, mysterious things starts to unfold, which will change their lives.

- Cast: Milind, Sanjana Burli, Anant Nag
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

GIRL ON THE TRAIN (Hindi)
A recent divorcee spends her daily commute fantasising about a seemingly perfect couple who live in a house that her train passes daily, until something shocking happens there one day.

Cast: Parineeti Chopra, Aditi Rao Hydari, Kirti Kulhari, Avinash Tiwary

- Watch on: Netflix

AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)
In pursuit of solving a long-held mystery of Amaravati, Narayana – the quirky new cop in the town – has to get past a dreaded clan of dacoits and its fierce leader Jairam.

- Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Shanvi Srivastava, Achyuth Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

ENTHA MANCHIVAADAVURAA (Telugu)
Balu grows up without the love of a family due to his parents' untimely death. Later, he decides to establish a firm to help people like himself receive the affection they missed out on.

Cast: Meherene Kaur Pirzada, Baladitya, Pooja Ramachandran, Pavitra Lokesh

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

KILOMETRES & KILOMETRES (Malayalam)
A poor tour guide from Kerala takes an American client on a journey through India. During their travels, the changing landscapes and experiences help them reshape their understanding of each other.

Cast: Tovino Thomas, India Jarvis, Sidhartha Siva, Basil Joseph

- Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

PREMAM (Malayalam)
While George's first love turns out to be a disappointment, Malar, a college lecturer, rekindles his love interest. His romantic journey takes him through several stages, helping him find his purpose.

Cast: Nivin Pauly, Anupama Parameswaran, Sai Pallavi, Madonna Sebastian

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

WAITING (Hindi)
Tara, a married woman, meets Shiv, an elderly professor, at a hospital where their spouses are admitted. The two develop an extraordinary friendship as they get to know each other.

Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Kalki Koechlin, Arjun Mathur, Suhasini Maniratnam

- Watch on: Netflix

ENGLISH

PIECES OF A WOMAN
A heartbreaking home birth leaves a woman grappling with the profound emotional fallout, isolated from her partner and family by a chasm of grief.

Cast: Vanessa Kirby, Shia LaBeouf, Ellen Burstyn, Molly Parker

- Watch on: Netflix

MANK
1930s Hollywood is reevaluated through the eyes of scathing wit and alcoholic screenwriter Herman J. Mankiewicz as he races to finish "Citizen Kane."

Cast: Gary Oldman, Amanda Seyfried, Lily Collins, Tom Burke, Tuppence Middleton

- Watch on: Netflix

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Tensions rise when trailblazing blues singer Ma Rainey and her band gather at a recording studio in Chicago in 1927.

Cast: Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis, Taylour Paige, Glynn Turman

- Watch on: Netflix

THE BOY
Greta accepts the job of a nanny for a wealthy couple's child and is disturbed when she finds out the child is a doll. However, when she mishandles the doll, she is shocked to find that it is alive.

Cast: Lauren Cohan, Katie Holmes, James Russell, Rupert Evans

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

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Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year

FUN TI(E)ME

Add some flair to your work-from-home meetings or casual Fridays in office with this thrift store that offers a range of quirky ties from across the world

MONIKA MONALISA

It's not too difficult to be in awe of actor-author Stephen Fry's tie collection, which he does show off once in a while. While usually thought to be formal, ties actually can add an element of quirkiness to an outfit. Just check out a new online thrift store – Rosy Auntie – started by city-based model Irene Augustin. It offers a collection of fun ties, collected by Augustin from across the world. Some noteworthy mentions are ties with a print of Van Gogh's sunflower, Winnie the Pooh and South Park. Why ties in particular? She answers, "Bengaluru has a huge club and golf culture. People have grown up seeing their fathers and grandfathers wearing ties. These are unisex and people from the city are experimental. So I thought why not start with this."

Rosy Auntie (which has an Instagram handle by the same name) may not sound like your usual name for a store but Augustin has a sweet story to share. "I have an aunt by the same name. When I was younger, she used to travel across the world for her work and in return got some of the coolest gifts and clothes for Christmas. The clothes used to be so good that we always had somebody or the other asking us where we picked it from. Now I do the same – travel for work and pick up gifts for people," shares Augustin, who has walked the ramp for designers like Gaurav Gupta, Masaba and Ritu Kumar.

Her collection includes finds from countries like New Zealand, Singapore, France, Italy, the Netherlands and the USA. "All the ties are unisex and handpicked. I love shopping not just for me but for everyone else too. So I thought why not turn it into a business," says the 25-year-old model. So what kind of ties make it into her collection? "It needs to strike a chord with me. I've also worked in the fashion industry for around eight years now, so this helps too," she says, adding that her favourite is the tie with Van Gogh's sunflower, which she picked from the museum dedicated to the artist's works in Amsterdam.

A fresh stock of ties is dropped for sale every Friday on the store's Instagram page. The model plans to soon introduce apparel too. Keeping the thrift store open to only Bengaluru residents has been Augustin's conscious decision. "Most of the fun thrift stores are based in Mumbai or Delhi. I've lived in Mumbai for three years and I felt Bengaluru was missing something. Slowly people are also getting used to the thrifting culture," says Augustin.

Ties are unisex and people from the city are experimental
Irene Augustin, model

Irene Augustin's store includes a (1) Vintage Shipwreck Viccini silk tie from Italy; (2) Winnie the Pooh and Tigger tie from the USA; (3) Vincent Van Gogh Sunflower tie from the Netherlands

CITY READ

'Vali Vadhe' to be staged online

'Vali Vadhe' is based on Kuvempu's 'Shri Ramayana darshanam'. The play blends elements of Yakshagana, Kalaripayattyu, and a Manipuri art form. It will premiere onMarch 26 on www.insider.in. It will be available for viewing till 11:59 PM IST on April 5. It has been directed by Ganesh Mandarthi.

Youth theatre movement launches podcast

This World Theatre Day, Thespo is launching a youth-led podcast, The Thespo Audio-Torium. A culmination of Thespo's first audio-storytelling initiative, the podcast will launch with a month-long showcase premiering six new audio productions by emerging artistes under the age of 25, every Wednesday and Saturday, March 27 onwards. In the mix are stories from across India and the world, and productions that span across genres. It will be available on Spotify or Gaana.

City-based Antharanga Theatre is celebrating its 40th anniversary with its signature festival; this year's theme highlights the much-needed positivity and a new spirit

Setting the stage

EXPRESS FEATURES

The artistic community was significantly hit during 2020 when the first wave hit the globe. Just as things seemed to brighten, there's looming fear of how the second wave will affect the goings-on. But trying to find joy within the gloom, Antharanga Theatre is back with their theatre festival to celebrate their 40th anniversary. The three-day fest has a line up of four plays by different groups, with chief guests like theatre personalities Kappana, Nagabharana, Sripathi Manjanabailu, and Sudha Belawadi.

Every year the name of the festival changes and this time they have decided on Navollasa Rangasambhrama. "Navollasa translates to new spirit and we wanted to give out that message during these times of Covid," says Ram Manjjonaath, trustee of the theatre group. Though the group is based out of Basavanagudi, the festival is happening at Seva Sadana, Malleswaram. "Theatre should not be restricted to a particular area or community. So rather than sticking to popular theatre places like Ranga Shankara or Jagriti, we decided to do it in a completely different area," says Manjjonaath.

Being with the theatre group for more than 17 years, Manjjonaath says he has seen a huge increase in demand for regional theatre. "In the last few decades there have been so many theatre groups that have come up and each of them has their own style. This also creates a responsibility for us to create more platforms for these theatre artistes," he says. Although he is aware of the growing number of Covid-19 cases, he says all precautions have been taken, with viewers being allocated alternate seating.

A scene from *Court Marshal*

Theatre should not be restricted to a particular area. So rather than sticking to Ranga Shankara or Jagriti, we decided to do it in a different area
Ram Manjjonaath, trustee, Antharanga Theatre

WATCH OUT

- **Date:** March 23
- **Play:** Court Marshal
- **Language:** Kannada
- **Original play:** Swadesh Deepak's play with same name
- **Translated to Kannada by:** Siddalinga Pattanashetty
- **Team:** Abhinaya Taranga
- **Date:** March 24
- **Play:** Sa.Ma.Na by Sripriya
- Also includes rehearsed reading of P Lankesh's play TeregaLu by Antharanga team
- The plays will be staged at Seva Sadana, Malleswaram

A scene from *TeregaLu*

We are still under the 'Crown', so mind it!

We shed our allegiance to the Crown 74 years ago. But we are under a different one now. It's called Coronavirus (from the crown-like spike proteins of the virus) that has been claiming lives and afflicting people for over a year. It has raised its ugly head in Karnataka to mark the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

And how are we reacting to it? Like as if the virus and the Covid-19 pandemic has gone away with the year 2020. So much so, the Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, while announcing the second wave on Sunday, had a tone of appeal hinging on a warning that if people do not adhere to the basic Covid-19 safety norms of wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing, and following personal hygiene, "strict measures" (probably even the dreaded lockdown, but without mentioning it) will have to be brought in.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has decided to wait and watch, and review the situation after a week – which speaks a lot while indicating that a decision after the review could involve night curfews and lockdowns, too. Just could, though none from the official circles has spoken about it!

But why think about what could happen a week later when it is in our hands – the people's hands – to ensure that safe conduct on the part of each and every one of us can avert another lockdown and its effects. We don't need to be reminded how crippling they were.

It doesn't take much convincing to drill in the fact that lockdowns, curfews, containment zones and a range of restrictions are measures that put our freedom in a straitjacket, although well-meaning and aimed at minimising the spread of Covid-19 infection among the masses.

Why, even the act of having to wear a proper mask to avoid being infected is being seen as a restriction on freedom. There have been cases where marshals and dutiful citizens insisting on fellow-citizens wearing masks properly had to endure punches in a violent expression of "fight for freedom" from the mask!

A little understanding would suffice here. Fundamental rights and freedom are naturally better known and celebrated than fundamental duties, which also find mention in the Indian Constitution.

In 1949, when the Indian Constitution was adopted, there were no provisions for Fundamental Duties. But Fundamental Rights were already included in Part III of the Constitution. It was the Swaran Singh Committee which recommended that Fundamental Duties be added in the Constitution. This was done through the 42nd Amendment in 1976 in a new Chapter IV-A which consists of only one Article – 51-A with Fundamental Duties for citizens.

Fundamental duties are intended to serve as a reminder to the citizens that while the rights are conferred, they need to observe basic norms of democratic conduct and behaviour because rights and duties are correlative. There is no free lunch!

The most relevant of these in this case is 51-A (d), which states: "...to defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so." A country is not defined merely by its borders. A country's human resources is even more valuable, and health emerges as the crucial factor that determines its quality.

Besides, the call of duty to "defend the country" need not be seen exclusively in the face of threat from armed forces of not-so-friendly nations. A deadly and dreaded virus among the population is equally threatening. And it is here, for the second year running!

So, it is time to stand up and get rid of this "Crown"! Play safe and fight it!

Illustration
Tapas Ranjan

All about the good fight

Have you ever watched a world wrestling show? For years, participants in the format have been putting up quite a spectacular show with so many of them becoming a celebrity in their own right. For the '90s kids, this was part and parcel of their growing up, with the moves and actions by these people holding the attention of generations of youngsters.

If you were a fan of those shows, you would recognise that though the fighting looks and feels absolutely dangerous, and on occasion it really is very risky, most times the participants do not seem too harmed by them. They manage to come back for the next week or month. The time in the ring itself was only one part of the spectacle – a lot of the engagement happens well before the fight in the build up to it, in the trash talking that the players indulge in, their costumes and even their very names itself. Everything is built up for one and only one reason – entertainment.

Sometimes in love and in relationships, we do similar things. People in relationships play each other up, talk trash about each other and seemingly go at each other's throats but are unharmed by it. Their relationship seems to go on without much of a hitch, even though the audience might have thought for a while that this was it, the relationship was over and they should be picking sides already and changing how they are with the couple. The patterns are known to each other, the jabs and counter jabs, the slam downs and rest of it are playing to a script, and it is evident to the people in the relationship and those who are used to it, though a newcomer might be quite shocked by how raw and rough it might seem.

The play fight is part and parcel of most relationships. We know there's no harm intended and that the play is more for show and just spending time with each other, something like how puppies, lion cubs, tiger cubs and others do – a rough and tumble that can look like the real thing with the growls, the barred teeth, the nips and bites, but doesn't cross a line.

When people in relationships do the same thing, it is often about testing out boundaries, reaffirming how we stand with each other, maybe even mocking each other a little, challenging one's beliefs and an invitation to go a bit further.

It can be healthy fun, but just like the world wrestling shows, it can get really dangerous very quickly. If we end up touching some real vulnerabilities, or throwing in some actually hurtful barbs and punches, it can quickly escalate. A good play fight is something that one develops over time, with increasing trust and respect for each other. It is not something one can take for granted, and certainly not too early.

Just like in world wrestling shows, the risk of real damage is always there, and perhaps that's what makes it that much more enticing.

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight).

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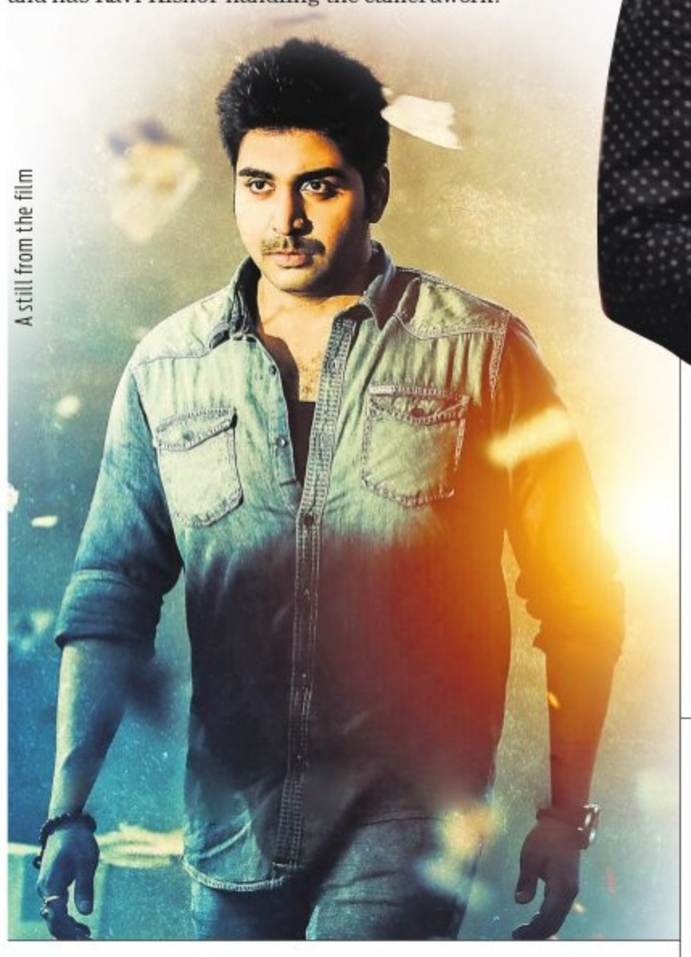
Kiran Narayan's *Sneharshi* addresses blue-collar workers

CE FEATURES

SNEHARSHI marks the directorial debut of Kiran Narayan, who will also face the camera as lead hero. "My passion has always been into acting, but I chose to direct the film because this is a film set in a social context. It's written by my mother, Nagathihalli Prathiba, and addresses blue-collar workers. I thought I should do justice to her effort on silver screen," says Kiran. The team is coming out with the first look poster today, and plans to release a video song on March 30. *Sneharshi*, made under the banner, Sri Lakshmi Betaraya Combines, also stars Sanjana, Ranganath Sampath, Sudha Belavadi, Prakash Naveen and Chakravarthi. The film's music is scored by Akash Ayappa and has Ravi Kishor handling the camerawork.



A still from the film

'I AM EXCITED TO DEVELOP THIS VISUALLY-IMPAIRED CHARACTER'

Golden Star Ganesh talks about playing a blind person's character for the first time in Suni's upcoming entertainer, *Sakath*

Ganesh

A SHARADHAA

WITH actor Ganesh and director Suni collaborating for a movie once again, expectations are high. Naturally so, since this actor-director combo were behind hit film *Chamak*. There's a lot of curiosity around *Sakath,* their second outing, which is based on a reality show and includes a courtroom drama. The latest revelation by the Golden Star, who plays the role of a visually-impaired person in the film, has only added to the buzz. 'First time in blind role (sic),' Ganesh tweeted.

"After *Chamak*, I had a discussion with director Suni, and when I expressed to him that I was looking for a subject, which should have content, be a thorough entertainer, and should also place me in a thrilling characterisation, this storyline popped up. It is based on a reality show, and when the director told me that I will be playing the role of a blind person, I agreed instantly. I jumped at the one-line description of the film. Today, it is shaping up to be a good entertainer thriller," says the *Mungaru Male* hero, who is close to completing 15 years in his film career in April.

An actor, popularly known as the romantic hero of Sandalwood, Ganesh often looks for roles that explores new characterisations. "Playing a blind person's character is new to me, and I am currently enjoying developing this personality. There are fresh ideas coming to the fore," Ganesh says, adding, "Suni, who has come up with a good screenplay, has penned some excellent dialogues for the film. There is action too, and overall, the film will be a complete entertainer and totally different. It has been a thrilling experience for me, and I hope it will be the same for the audience when they watch it in theatres," he says.

The film, made under the KVN banner and Suprith Productions, also features Nishvika Naidu in the female lead. She is also said to be playing a blind character in the film. The movie, which has music composed by Judah Sandy and cinematography by Santhosh Rai Pathaje, marks the debut of actor Surbhi.

Ganesh, who will be completing a schedule for *Sakath,* will next be joining the sets of *Tribble Riding*. He will be completing shooting of pending songs, post which, he will hop on Yogaraj Bhat's *Gaalipata 2*. "The first release in 2021 will be I and the release date will be announced as and when the team will ready to hit the screens," he signs off.

Karan Johar to launch Shanaya Kapoor in B-Town

CE FEATURES

KARAN Johar is set to introduce Shanaya Kapoor, actor Sanjay Kapoor and Maheep Kapoor's daughter, in Bollywood through his Dharma Cornerstone Agency (DCA). Known for launching the careers of star kids like Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan, Ananya Panday, and Jahnvi Kapoor, Karan is backing Shanaya's upcoming film that will go on floors this July

In a tweet, he said, "Welcome to the DCA Squad, Shanaya Kapoor. It's going to be an unforgettable and exciting journey that beings with your first film with Dharma Movies this July."

In response to this announcement, Shanaya, on social media, said, "Woke up today with the most grateful heart. Here's to a great journey ahead with the DCA Talent family. Excited to kickstart my First film this July by Dharma Movies. Can't wait for you all to see what we're up to. Stay tuned." Shanaya has previously worked as an assistant director on the Netflix film, *Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl*

Nomadland to hit Indian screens on April 2

CE FEATURES

CHLOÉ Zhao's *Nomadland,* starring Frances McDormand, is set for release in India on April 2. The film made waves at the Oscar nominations last week, where it earned six nominations, including Best Picture. McDormand received her sixth acting nomination for her portrayal of Fern, a widow who leaves home to travel around the American West. The film is based on the book Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder.

After *Trikona* gets U/A certification, trilingual film to hit screens in April

A still from *Trikona*

The film, directed by Chandrakantha is produced by Rajashekar, who has penned the story

CE FEATURES

TRILINGUAL film *Trikona*, made in Kannada, Tamil (*Gosulo)* and Telugu (*Trikonam*) has been certified a U/A. The film is directed by Chandrakantha and produced by Rajashekar. Though the initial plan was to release it on streaming platforms, plans changed and it will now hit screens sometime in April.

Trikona, which consists of an interesting star cast, is a story that follows the life of people between the ages of 25 and 65 years. The topic deals with death, anger, ego, and patience. The story of *Trikona* is written by producer Rajashekar. The speciality of this film is that the director has come out with three different screenplays and each language consists of different technical crews. The film, which has been shot in some unexplored locations of Karnataka, features senior actors like Lakshmi, Achyuth Kumar, Suresh Heblikar, and Sudharani in prominent roles.

THE HAPPINESS OF DEATH

SHILAJIT MITRA

WHAT are your favourite funeral comedies from India? Chances are you have none. Indian culture places a heavy premium on grief. It's all too serious—and rarely personal. Still, a handful of filmmakers have been merrily chipping away at the grim taboo of death. In 2019, we had the resolutely upbeat *The Sky Is Pink*. In *Ram Prasad Ki Tervi* (2021), a family bickers through the 13-day wake of their patriarch's death. And now we have *Pagglait,* an equally barbed comedy-drama releasing on Netflix.

Directed by Umesh Bist, the film centres on Sandhya (Sanya Malhotra), a young woman who, for whatever reason, is unable to mourn for her dead husband. One of the first scenes is Sandhya's parents pitching up to console their daughter. Her mother-in-law, played by Sheeba Chaddha, offers to send up some tea. "I won't drink tea," Sandhya says. "A Pepsi, please?"

Umesh, who also wrote the screenplay, says he wanted to reinterpret death as a celebration, 'not an end but a beginning in itself'. "Our ancient texts specify 16 sanskaras (rites of passage) of human life. The last one, antam-sanskara, is a part of them. Our goal in each is the pursuit of pleasure or happiness... so it should be with death."

The chirpy title, thus, was a fit. For Sanya, it signalled a character willing to strike out on her own. "I was really happy when I learnt the film was going to be called Pagglait," the actor says. "My character, Sandhya, has spent her life waiting for others to validate her. She's been seeking love externally and not internally. It's only after her husband's death that she realises this and does what she really wanted to."

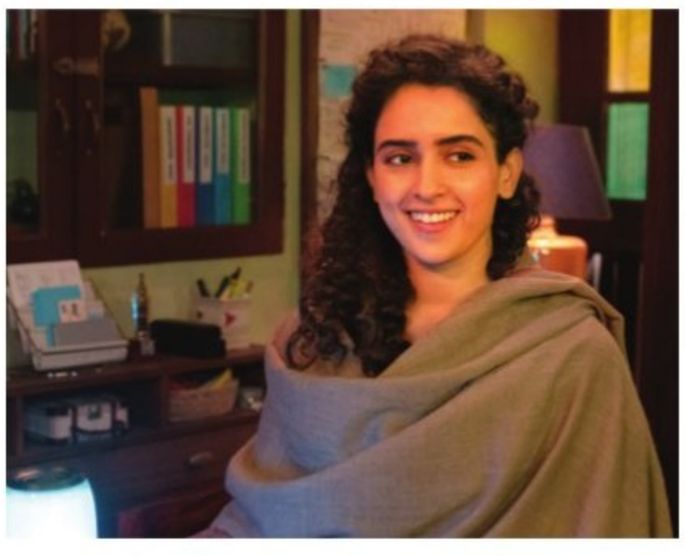
Pagglait, in Awadhi, is not an insult but a term of endearment, explains Umesh. "It's used for anyone who rises above her limitations and dares to find a new horizon."

The film surrounds Sandhya with several oddball characters at her in-law's place. In addition to Sheeba Chaddha, there are wonderful turns by Ashutosh Rana, Raghuvir Yadav, Rajesh Tailang and Meghna Malik. And yet, this isn't a family drama in the strictest sense. The most potent arc, for instance, involves an outsider. As it turns out, Sandhya's husband is shown to be in a relationship with a colleague before marriage. The woman, Akansha (Sayani Gupta), turns up at the funeral, where she gets confronted by Sandhya. This uncomfortable friendship goes on to be explored in this film.

"Akansha comes in almost like a ray of hope in Sandhya's life," Sayani says. It's a welcome change, given Hindi cinema's constant suspicion of 'the other woman'. "In mainstream movies, we always see either the heroine or the vamp," Sayani notes. "Here, they are both presented as people. Their worlds might be different but ultimately, they share the same reality."

With so many undercurrents to the story, the project turned into a technical challenge. While lighting specific scenes, for example, cinematographer Rafey Mehmood had to evoke the gloomy mood of a house in mourning. "For one shot, he tried to match my breathing pattern," Sanya recalls. The music was just as tricky. Pagglait marks the composing debut of Arijit Singh, who's turned in over eight tracks plus the score. The entire album, which includes alternate versions of the tracks, is over 90 minutes long.

"Arijit actually sought out new instruments and voices to create the soundtrack," Umesh reveals. "He sampled all of them and combined it with his own vision. He has created a beautiful atmosphere for the film."

In one scene, Sandhya, in a fit of rage, sneaks out of the house and feasts on gol gappas. Her compulsive munching is match-cut with funeral rites being performed. Sanya laughs when I compare it to the baptism sequence in The Godfather. "Sandhya is so angry in that moment that she just heads out. People were judging her for not crying or behaving normally. She feels cheated by her late husband and does not want to mourn like a typical widow."

She adds, "Sometimes, your act of rebellion is not going out and sleeping with someone or smoking and drinking."